

RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE BY-LAWS OF ALL SUBSIDIARIES OF PENNICHUCK CORPORATION

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen

WHEREAS, the City of Nashua is the sole shareholder of Pennichuck Corporation and each of its subsidiaries;

WHEREAS, under Article IX (2) of Pennichuck's Articles of Incorporation, the City, acting in its capacity as Pennichuck's sole shareholder, must approve any action to amend the By-Laws of the Corporation of any of the Subsidiaries; and

WHEREAS, Pennichuck is requesting amendments to the By-Laws of Pennichuck's five corporate subsidiaries: Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., Pennichuck East Utility, Inc., Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc., Pennichuck Water Service Corporation, and the Southwood Corporation, as shown on the attached documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that the City of Nashua hereby approves the attached proposed amended By-Laws of each of Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., Pennichuck East Utility, Inc., Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc., Pennichuck Water Service Corporation, and The Southwood Corporation.

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AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF [NAME OF CORPORATE SUBSIDIARY] (the "Corporation")

ARTICLE I

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Corporation shall be in the State of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE II

SHAREHOLDER

- Section 1. <u>Place of Meetings</u>. All annual and special meetings of the shareholder shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation or at such place within the State of New Hampshire as the Board of Directors may designate.
- Section 2. <u>Annual Meetings</u>. A meeting of the shareholder of the Corporation for the election of Directors and for the transaction of any other business of the Corporation shall be held annually in the month of May, at such time and on such date as the Board of Directors may designate.
- Section 3. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the shareholder for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by the laws of the State of New Hampshire, may be called at any time by the Chief Executive Officer or a majority of the Board of Directors and shall be called upon the written request of the shareholder. Such written request shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting and shall be delivered at the principal office of the Corporation addressed to the Chief Executive Officer or the Secretary.
- Section 4. Notice of Meeting; Waiver of Notice. Written notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than sixty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail or e-mail, by or at the direction of the Chief Executive Officer, the Secretary or the officers or persons calling the meeting, to the shareholder. The shareholder may waive notice of the meeting by a writing signed by the shareholder entitled to the notice, which is delivered to the Corporation (either before or after the date and time stated in the notice) for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the corporate records.

A shareholder's attendance at a meeting:

- (1) waives objection to lack of notice or defective notice of the meeting, unless the shareholder at the beginning of the meeting objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting; and
- (2) waives objection to consideration of a particular matter at the meeting that is not within the purpose or purposes described in the meeting notice, unless the shareholder objects to considering the matter when it is presented.

Section 5. <u>Fixing of Record Date</u>. For the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to notice of, or to vote at, any meeting of shareholders, or any adjournment thereof, or shareholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend, or in order to make a determination of shareholders for any other proper purposes, the Board of Directors shall fix in advance a date as the record date for any such determination or, in the absence of such a determination by the Board, the record date shall be as provided in RSA 293-A:7.05(d).

Section 6. Quorum. A majority of the outstanding shares of the Corporation entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of shareholders. In the absence of a quorum at any meeting, or any adjournment thereof, the shareholders present, in person or by proxy, at such meeting shall have the power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without further notice, until shareholders holding the requisite number of shares shall be so present. The shareholders present, in person or by proxy, at a duly organized meeting may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough shareholders to leave less than a quorum.

Section 7. <u>Proxies</u>. At all meetings of shareholders, a shareholder may vote by proxy executed in writing by the shareholder or his, her or its duly authorized attorney-in-fact. No proxy shall be valid after eleven months from the date of its execution unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

Section 8. <u>Voting of Shares by Certain Holders</u>. Shares standing in the name of another corporation may be voted by any officer, agent or proxy as the Bylaws of such corporation may prescribe, or, in the absence of such provision, as the Board of Directors of such corporation may determine. Neither treasury shares of its own stock held by the Corporation, nor shares held by another corporation, if a majority of the shares entitled to vote for the election of Directors of such other corporation are held by the Corporation, shall be voted at any meeting or counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares at any given time for purposes of any meeting.

Section 9. <u>Voting</u>. Every shareholder entitled to vote at any meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote, in person or by proxy, for each share of stock held by the shareholder. Unless otherwise provided by law or in the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, a majority of votes cast by shareholders shall be determinative.

ARTICLE III

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. <u>Number</u>. The Board of Directors shall consist of a number of persons, not less than seven nor more than thirteen, to be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. <u>Election; Term; Vacancy</u>. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the shareholder. Each Director shall hold office until the next annual shareholder meeting, except in the case of earlier death, resignation or removal. If the Director's term has expired, the Director shall continue to hold office until their successors in office have been chosen and qualified. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors in between annual meetings of the shareholder, due to death, resignation or any other cause including an increase in the number of Directors, may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors although less than a quorum of the Board of Directors. The remaining Directors may appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting of shareholder.
- Section 3. Qualification. No Director shall be required to be a shareholder of the Corporation.
- Section 4. <u>Resignation</u>; <u>Removal</u>. A Director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board, which need not be accepted to be effective. A notice of resignation is effective when delivered, unless the notice specifies a later date. Any Director may be removed from office with or without cause by a vote of the holders of two-thirds of the shares entitled to vote at an annual meeting held <u>inter alia</u> for the purpose of electing Directors.
- Section 5. <u>Regular Meetings</u>. The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings at such times as the Board may designate. The regular meeting of the Board in the month of May of each year shall be the annual meeting of the Board and shall be held immediately following the annual meeting of shareholder.
- Section 6. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board in lieu of or in addition to the regular meetings shall be held at such times as the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer or any Directors may require.
- Section 7. Notice. Notice of regular and special meetings shall be sent by the Secretary or Chief Executive Officer by mail or e-mail, at least five days prior to the day of the meeting, or delivered in hand or by telephone at least twenty-four hours prior to the time of the meeting. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting in writing filed with the Secretary. A Director's attendance at or participation in a meeting waives any required notice to the Director of the meeting, unless the Director at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon his or her arrival) objects to holding the meeting or transacting business and thereafter does not vote for or assent to any action taken at the meeting.
- Section 8. Quorum; Voting. A majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the meetings of the Board, and the act of a majority of those present at

any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, subject to the limitation with respect to those Reserved Powers described in Section 9.

Section 9. <u>Reserved Powers</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Corporation, the following actions shall not be taken unless and until the same has been approved by the shareholder, in accordance with the requirements of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the shareholder (collectively the "Reserved Powers"):

- (a) any action to change the name of the Corporation;
- (b) any action to amend the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Corporation;
- (c) any action to issue or sell any debt securities or warrants or other rights to acquire any debt securities of the Corporation;
- (d) any action to authorize the Corporation to merge or consolidate with or into, or acquire all or substantially all of the assets of, any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or any other business entity or person; or
- (e) any action to sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or any substantial part of the assets (whether in a single transaction or series of transactions during any consecutive 12-month period) of the Corporation other than in the ordinary course of the business of the Corporation.

Section 10. <u>Presence at a Meeting</u>. Unless the Articles of Incorporation provide otherwise, any or all Directors may participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all Directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A Director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

A Director who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors when corporate action is taken is deemed to have assented to the action taken unless: (1) he or she objects at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon his or her arrival) to holding it or transacting business at the meeting; or (2) his or her dissent or abstention from the action taken is entered in the minutes of the meeting; or (3) he or she delivers written notice of his dissent or abstention to the presiding officer of the meeting before its adjournment or to the Corporation immediately after adjournment of the meeting. The right of dissent or abstention is not available to a Director who votes in favor of the action taken.

Section 11. <u>Action Without a Meeting</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors or by a committee at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if written consent thereto, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors or by all of the members of the committee. The consent may be contained in a single document or may be contained in more than one document so long as the documents in the aggregate contain the required signatures.

Section 12. <u>Duties and Powers</u>. The Board of Directors shall be vested with the oversight of management and direction of the affairs of the Corporation and shall have and exercise all the powers possessed by the Corporation so far as such delegation of authority is not inconsistent with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws.

Section 13. <u>Committees</u>. The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the full Board, may designate from its members one or more committees each of which, subject to the limitations of the laws of the State of New Hampshire, shall have and may exercise all of the authority of the Board to the extent provided in these Bylaws or in any such resolution. The provisions of these Bylaws that govern meetings, actions without meetings, notice and waiver requirements and quorum and voting requirements of the Board shall also apply to committees and their members.

Section 14. <u>Director Compensation</u>. Unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, by resolution of the Board of Directors, each Director may be paid his expenses, if any, of attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors, and may be paid a stated salary as Director or a fixed sum for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors or both. No such payment shall preclude any Director from serving the Corporation in any capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. <u>Number</u>. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a Chief Executive Officer, a Treasurer, a Secretary and such other officers as the Directors may, from time to time, determine. Two or more offices may be held by the same person.

Section 2. <u>Election</u>. Each year at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, the Directors shall determine the number of offices to be filled and shall elect officers to fill such positions for the ensuing year and until their successors are duly qualified, or until their death or until they shall resign or be removed in the manner hereinafter provided. Directors from time to time may fill any vacancy that may exist in any office and may elect such other officers as they may determine to be necessary to manage the affairs of the Corporation. Election or appointment of an officer, employee or agent, shall not of itself create contract rights. The Board of Directors may authorize the Corporation to enter into an employment contract with any officer in accordance with applicable law and regulation; but no such contract shall impair the right of the Board of Directors to remove any officer at any time in accordance with Section 3 of this Article IV.

Section 3. <u>Resignation; Removal</u>. An officer may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board, which need not be accepted to be effective. A notice of resignation is effective when delivered, unless the notice specifies a later date. The Board of Directors may at any time suspend the right of any officer to perform such officer's duties and may remove any officer with or without cause at any meeting of the Board by vote of a majority of the full Board, whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby, but such removal, other than for cause, shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

Section 4. <u>Duties and Powers</u>. The duties of certain officers shall be as specified in this Section 4, as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, and as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer.

- (a) <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>. The Chief Executive Officer shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation, and shall have the responsibility for the general management of the affairs of the Corporation as far as they are not specifically regulated by the shareholder or the Directors.
- (b) <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer shall negotiate loans and receive and disburse all other funds of the Corporation, and for this purpose, shall have authority to sign checks upon any account of the Corporation in any bank or similar type of institution.
- (c) <u>Secretary</u>. The Secretary of the Corporation shall be a resident of the State of New Hampshire. The Secretary shall be registered with the Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire as the registered agent. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the meetings of the shareholder and Directors showing the names of the persons present. The Secretary may give notice of all meetings of the shareholder and the Directors required by these Bylaws.

Section 5. <u>Compensation</u>. The compensation of the officers of the Corporation, if any, shall be fixed in a manner approved by the Board.

ARTICLE V

INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Suits, Etc. Other Than by or in the Right of the Corporation. The Corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal or administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation, by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement

actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

Section 2. Suits, Etc. by or in the Right of the Corporation. The Corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of the action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which the person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for expenses which the court shall deem proper.

Section 3. Scope of Indemnification. To the extent that a Director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Section 1 or 2 above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter based on Section 1 or 2 above, he shall be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

Section 4. <u>Determination of Indemnification</u>. Any indemnification under Section 1 or 2 above, unless ordered by a court, shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the Director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 1 or 2 above. This determination shall be made:

- (a) By the Board of Directors by a majority of vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to the action, suit or proceeding;
- (b) By independent legal counsel in a written opinion if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Directors so directs; or
- (c) By the shareholder.

Section 5. <u>Payment of Expenses</u>. Expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding shall be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit or proceeding as authorized in the manner provided in Section 4 above, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the Director, officer, employee or agent to repay the amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this section.

Section 6. Other Rights. The indemnification provided by this section shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any Bylaw, agreement, vote of the shareholder or disinterested Directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of that person.

Section 7. <u>Insurance</u>. The Corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee, agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against this liability under the provisions of this section.

ARTICLE VI

CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

Section 1. <u>Documents and Instruments</u>. To the extent permitted by laws of the State of New Hampshire, and except as otherwise prescribed by these Bylaws with respect to certificates for shares, the Chief Executive Officer, Treasurer, or any other officer of the Corporation shall be authorized to execute contracts, deeds, leases and all other documents. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Board of Directors may by special vote authorize any officer, employee or agent of the Corporation to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name and on behalf of the Corporation. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. <u>Loans</u>. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 3. <u>Checks, Drafts, Etc.</u> All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by one or more officers, employees or agents of the Corporation in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. <u>Deposits</u>. All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in any of its duly authorized depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

ARTICLE VII

CERTIFICATES FOR SHARES AND THEIR TRANSFERS; RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Certificates for Shares. Certificates representing shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be in such form as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Such certificates shall be signed by the Chief Executive Officer or by any other officer of the Corporation authorized by the Board of Directors, attested by the Secretary, and sealed with the corporate seal or a facsimile thereof. The signatures of such officers upon a certificate may be facsimiles if the certificate is manually signed on behalf of a transfer agent or a registrar, other than the Corporation itself or one of its employees. Each certificate for shares of capital stock shall be consecutively numbered or otherwise identified. The name and address of the person to whom the shares are issued, with the number of shares and date of issue, shall be entered on the stock transfer books of the Corporation. All certificates surrendered to the Corporation for transfer shall be cancelled and no new certificate shall be issued until the former certificate for a like number of shares shall have been surrendered and cancelled, except that in the case of a lost or destroyed certificate, a new certificate may be issued therefor upon such terms and indemnity to the Corporation as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section 2. <u>Transfer of Shares</u>. Transfer of shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be made only on its stock transfer books. Authority for such transfer shall be given only by the holder of record thereof or by his legal representative, who shall furnish proper evidence of such authority, or by his attorney thereunto authorized by power of attorney duly executed and filed with the Corporation. Such transfer shall be made only on surrender for cancellation of the certificate for such shares. The person in whose name shares of capital stock stand on the books of the Corporation shall be deemed by the Corporation to be the owner thereof for all purposes.

Section 3. <u>Restrictions</u>. All certificates shall bear a legend giving appropriate notice of any restrictions on sale or other pertinent matters.

ARTICLE VIII

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be the calendar year.

ARTICLE IX

INSPECTION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS BY SHAREHOLDERS

Any person who shall have been a holder of record of shares of stock or of voting trust certificates of the Corporation at least six months immediately preceding his demand, or shall be the holder of record of, or the holder of record of voting trust certificates for, at least five percent of all outstanding shares of the Corporation, upon advance written demand stating the purpose of the demand, at least three days in advance of the demanded examination, shall have the right to examine, in person, or by agent or attorney, during the business hours of the Corporation, for any proper purpose its relevant books and records of accounts, minutes, and record of shareholders and to make extracts from the books and records. The Corporation may charge reasonable fees for any expenses incurred in copying its books and records at the request of such shareholder.

ARTICLE X

DIVIDENDS

Subject to the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Board of Directors may, from time to time, declare, and the Corporation may pay, dividends on its outstanding shares of capital stock.

ARTICLE XI

CORPORATE SEAL

The Board of Directors shall provide a Corporation seal upon which the name of the Corporation, the year of incorporation and an emblem may appear.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended only	y with the approval of the shareholder as provided in
Article III, Section 9(b) of these Bylaws.	1

(Effective:	

MARKED TO SHOW PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (Additions in Blitt; deletions in Red)

AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

ARTICLE I PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Corporation shall be <u>in the State of New Hampshire</u> at Nashua in Hillsborough County in the State of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE II SHAREHOLDERS

- Section 1. <u>Place of Meetings</u>. All annual and special meetings of <u>the</u> shareholders shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation or at such place within <u>or without</u> the State of New Hampshire as the Board of Directors may designate.
- Section 2. <u>Annual Meetings</u>. A meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation for the election of Directors and for the transaction of any other business of the Corporation shall be held annually in the month of <u>April May</u>, at such time and on such date as the Board of Directors may designate.
- Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the shareholders for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by the laws of the State of New Hampshire, may be called at any time by the Chairman of the BoardChief Executive Officer, the President or a majority of the Board of Directors and shall be called upon the written request of the shareholder holders of not less than one tenth of all the outstanding capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote at the meeting. Such written request shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting and shall be delivered at the principal office of the Corporation addressed to the Chairman of the BoardChief Executive Officer, the President or the Secretary not less than sixty days before the date of the meeting.
- Section 4. Notice of Meeting; Waiver of Notice. Written notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than fifty sixty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail or e-mail, by or at the direction of the Chief Executive Officer Chairman of the Board, the President, the Secretary or the officers or persons calling the meeting, to each the shareholder, of record entitled to vote at such meeting. The shareholder may waive notice of the meeting by a writing signed by the shareholder entitled to notice, which is delivered to the Corporation (either before or after the date and time stated in the notice) for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the corporate records. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the shareholder at his or her address as it appears on the stock transfer books or records of the Corporation as of the record date prescribed in Section 5 of this Article II, with postage thereon prepaid. If a shareholder be present at a meeting, or in writing waives notice thereof before or after the meeting, notice of such meeting to such shareholder shall be unnecessary.

A shareholder's attendance at a meeting:

- (1) waives objection to lack of notice or defective notice of the meeting, unless the shareholder at the beginning of the meeting objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting; and
- (2) waives objection to consideration of a particular matter at the meeting that is not within the purpose or purposes described in the meeting notice, unless the shareholder objects to considering the matter when it is presented.

Section 5. Fixing of Record Date. For the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to notice of, or to vote at, any meeting of shareholders, or any adjournment thereof, or shareholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend, or in order to make a determination of shareholders for any other proper purposes, the Board of Directors shall fix in advance a date as the record date for any such determination or, in the absence of such a determination by the Board, the record date shall be as provided in RSA 293-A:7.05(d). of shareholders. Such date in any case shall be not more than fifty days and, in case of a meeting of shareholders, not less than ten days prior to the meeting or other date on which the particular action, requiring such determination of shareholders, is to be taken. When a determination of shareholders entitled to vote at any meeting of shareholders has been made as provided in this Section, such determination shall apply to any adjournment thereof.

Section 6. Quorum. A majority of the outstanding shares of the Corporation entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of shareholders. In the absence of a quorum at any meeting, or any adjournment thereof, the shareholders present, in person or by proxy, at such meeting shall have the power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without further notice, until shareholders holding the requisite number of shares shall be so present. The shareholders present, in person or by proxy, at a duly organized meeting may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough shareholders to leave less than a quorum.

Section 7. <u>Proxies</u>. At all meetings of shareholders, a shareholder may vote by proxy executed in writing by the shareholder or his, her or its duly authorized attorney-in-fact. Any proxy purporting on its face to have been executed by an attorney in fact for a shareholder, unless contested prior to its being voted, shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly authorized. Proxies solicited on behalf of the management shall be voted as directed by the shareholder or, in the absence of such direction, as determined by a majority of the Board of Directors. No proxy shall be valid after eleven months from the date of its execution unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

Section 8. Voting of Shares by Certain Holders. Shares standing in the name of another corporation may be voted by any officer, agent or proxy as the Bylaws of such corporation may prescribe, or, in the absence of such provision, as the Board of Directors of such corporation may determine. A shareholder whose shares are pledged shall be entitled to vote such shares until the shares have been transferred into the name of the pledgee, and thereafter the pledgee shall be entitled to vote the shares so transferred. Neither treasury shares of its own stock held by the Corporation, nor shares held by another corporation, if a majority of the shares entitled to vote for the election of Directors of such other corporation are held by the Corporation, shall be voted at any meeting or counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares at any given time for purposes of any meeting.

Section 9. Voting of Shares in the Name of Two or More Persons. When ownership of shares of stock stands in the name of two or more persons, in the absence of written directions to the Corporation to the contrary, at any meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation any one or more of such shareholders may east, in person or by proxy, all votes to which such ownership is entitled. In the event an attempt is made to east conflicting votes, in person or by proxy, by the several persons in whose names shares of stock stand, the vote or votes to which those persons are entitled shall be east as directed by a majority of those holding such shares and present in person or by proxy at such meeting, but no votes shall be east for such shares if a majority cannot agree.

Section 109. Voting. Every shareholder entitled to vote at any meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote, in person or by proxy, for each share of stock held by the shareholder. Where title to a share or shares is held by two or more shareholders, such shares shall be voted at a meeting only if all such shareholders are present in person or by proxy and are in agreement as to how such shares shall be voted. Unless otherwise provided by law or in the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, a majority of votes cast by shareholders shall be determinative. An authorization of the shareholders for the sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all of the property and assets, with or without the good will of the Corporation, not in the usual and regular course of business, shall require the affirmative vote of the holders of a two thirds majority of the shares of the Corporation entitled to vote.

Section 11. Inspectors of Election. In advance of any meeting of shareholders, the Board of Directors may appoint any persons other than nominees for office as inspectors of election to act at such meeting or any adjournment thereof. The number of inspectors shall be either one or three. If the Board of Directors so appoints either one or three such inspectors, that appointment shall not be altered at the meeting. If inspectors of election are not so appointed, the Chairman of the Board or the President may, and on the request of a majority of the votes represented at the meeting shall, make such appointment at the meeting. If appointed at the meeting, the majority of such votes shall determine whether one or three inspectors are to be appointed. In case any person appointed as inspector fails to appear or fails or refuses to act, the vacancy may be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors in advance of the meeting or at the meeting by the Chairman of the Board or the President.

The duties of such inspectors shall include: determining the total outstanding number of shares of stock and the voting power of each share; the shares of stock represented at the meeting; the existence of a quorum; and the authenticity, validity and effect of proxies; receiving votes, ballots or consents; hearing and determining all challenges and questions in any way arising in connection with the right to vote; counting and tabulating all votes or consents; determining the result and such acts as may be proper to conduct the election or vote with fairness to all shareholders.

ARTICLE III THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. <u>Number</u>. The Board of Directors shall consist of a number of persons, not less than three seven nor more than thirteen, to be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Election; Term; Vacancy. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of shareholders, by a majority of those present, or represented by proxy, and voting. Each Director shall hold office until the next annual shareholder meeting, except in the case of earlier death, resignation or removal. If the Director's term has expired, the Director shall continue to hold office until their successors in office have been chosen and qualified. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors in between annual meetings of the shareholders, due to death, resignation or any other cause including an increase in the number of Directors, may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors although less than a quorum of the Board of Directors. The remaining Directors may appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting of shareholders. All Directors shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties.

- Section 3. <u>Qualification</u>. No Director shall be required to be a shareholder of the Corporation. The President shall be a member of the Board of Directors. <u>Directors shall hold office until their successors in office have been chosen and qualified.</u>
- Section 4. Removal: Any Director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board, which need not be accepted to be effective. A notice of resignation is effective when delivered, unless the notice specifies a later date. Any Director may be removed from office with or without cause by a vote of the holders of two-thirds of the shares entitled to vote at an annual meeting held inter alia for the purpose of electing Directors.
- Section 5. Regular Meetings. The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings not less frequently than quarterly in the months of January, April, July and October on such dates and at such times as the Board may designate. The regular meeting of the Board in the month of April May of each year shall be the annual meeting of the Board and shall be held immediately following the annual meeting of shareholders.
- Section 6. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board in lieu of or in addition to the regular meetings shall be held at such times as the Chairman of the Board, <u>President Chief Executive Officer</u> or any <u>four Directors</u> may require.

Section 7. Notice. Notice of regular and special meetings shall be sent by the Secretary or President Chief Executive Officer by mail or e-mail, at least five days prior to the day of the meeting, or delivered in hand or by telephone at least twenty-four hours prior to the time of the meeting. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting in writing filed with the Secretary. A Director's attendance at or participation in a meeting waives any required notice to the Director of the meeting, unless the Director at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon his or her arrival) objects to holding the meeting or transacting business and thereafter does not vote for or assent to any action taken at the meeting. Notice of the annual meeting of the Board shall not be required.

Section 8. Quorum; Voting. No less than Aa majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the meetings of the Board, and the act of a majority of those present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, subject to the limitation with respect to those Reserved Powers described in Section 9. concurrence of a majority of those present at any meeting shall be necessary to give validity to any vote.

Section 9. Reserved Powers. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Corporation, the following actions shall not be taken unless and until the same has been approved by the shareholder, in accordance with the requirements of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the shareholder (collectively the "Reserved Powers"):

- (a) any action to change the name of the Corporation;
- (b) any action to amend the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Corporation;
- (c) any action to issue or sell any debt securities or warrants or other rights to acquire any debt securities of the Corporation;
- (d) any action to authorize the Corporation to merge or consolidate with or into, or acquire all or substantially all of the assets of, any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or any other business entity or person; or
- (e) any action to sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or any substantial part of the assets (whether in a single transaction or series of transactions during any consecutive 12-month period) of the Corporation other than in the ordinary course of the business of the Corporation.

Section 10. Presence at a Meeting. Unless the Articles of Incorporation provide otherwise, any or all Directors may participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all Directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A Director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

A Director who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors when corporate action is taken is deemed to have assented to the action taken unless: (1) he or she objects at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon his or her arrival) to holding it or transacting business at the meeting; or (2) his or her dissent or abstention from the action taken is entered in the minutes of the meeting; or (3) he or she delivers written notice of his dissent or abstention to the presiding officer of the meeting before its adjournment or to the Corporation immediately after adjournment of the meeting. The right of dissent or abstention is not available to a Director who votes in favor of the action taken.

Section 119. Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors or by a committee at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if written consent thereto, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors or by all of the members of

the committee. The consent may be contained in a single document or may be contained in more than one document so long as the documents in the aggregate contain the required signatures.

Section <u>1012</u>. <u>Duties and Powers</u>. The Board of Directors shall be vested with the <u>oversight of</u> management and direction of the affairs of the Corporation and shall have and exercise all the powers possessed by the Corporation so far as such delegation of authority is not inconsistent with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws.

Section 1113. Executive Committee; Other Committees. The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the full Board, may designate from its members an Executive Committee and one or more other committees each of which, subject to the limitations of the laws of the State of New Hampshire, shall have and may exercise all of the authority of the Board to the extent provided in these Bylaws or in any such resolution. The provisions of these Bylaws that govern meetings, actions without meetings, notice and waiver requirements and quorum and voting requirements of the Board shall also apply to committees and their members.

Section 14. Director Compensation. Unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, by resolution of the Board of Directors, each Director may be paid his expenses, if any, of attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors, and may be paid a stated salary as Director or a fixed sum for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors or both. No such payment shall preclude any Director from serving the Corporation in any capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. <u>Number</u>. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a <u>Chairman of the BoardChief Executive Officer</u>, a <u>President</u>, one or more <u>Vice Presidents</u>, a Treasurer, a Secretary and such other officers as the Directors may, from time to time, determine. Two or more offices may be held by the same person.

Section 2. Election. Each year at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, the Directors shall determine the number of offices to be filled and shall elect officers to fill such positions for the ensuing year and until their successors are duly qualified, or until their death or until they shall resign or be removed in the manner hereinafter provided. Directors from time to time may fill any vacancy that may exist in any office and may elect such other officers as they may determine to be necessary to manage the affairs of the Corporation. Election or appointment of an officer, employee or agent, shall not of itself create contract rights. The Board of Directors may authorize the Corporation to enter into an employment contract with any officer in accordance with applicable law and regulation; but no such contract shall impair the right of the Board of Directors to remove any officer at any time in accordance with Section 3- of this Article IV. All officers shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties. The Directors shall require fidelity bonds for all officers with authority to handle funds or sign cheeks.

Section 3. Resignation; Removal. An officer may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board, which need not be accepted to be effective. A notice of resignation is effective when delivered, unless the notice specifies a later date. The Board of Directors may at any time suspend the right of any officer to perform such officer's duties and may remove any officer with or without cause at any meeting of the Board by vote of a majority of the full Board, whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby, but such removal, other than for cause, shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

Section 4. <u>Duties and Powers</u>. The duties of certain officers shall be as specified in this Section 4, as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, and as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors or the <u>eChief eExecutive eOfficer</u>.

- a. Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board, if any, may be designated by the Directors as chief executive officer of the Corporation. The Chairman of the Board, if any, shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and shall exercise overall supervision of the officers, and affairs of the Corporation.
- ab. PresidentChief Executive Officer. The President Chief Executive Officer shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation if the Chairman is not so designated, and shall have the responsibility for the general management of the affairs of the Corporation as far as they are not specifically regulated by the shareholders or the Directors, including the Chairman of the Board, if any. The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Board in the absence of the Chairman or if no Chairman shall have been designated by the Directors.
- e. Executive Vice President. A Vice President of the Corporation may be designated by the Board as Executive Vice President and in addition to the duties and powers provided in these Bylaws and otherwise delegated by the Board and the chief executive officer, the Executive Vice President shall have the powers of the President during the absence or disability of the President.
- db. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall negotiate loans and receive and disburse all other funds of the Corporation, and for this purpose, shall have authority to sign checks upon any account of the Corporation in any bank or similar type of institution. The Treasurer shall supervise the keeping of the accounts of the Corporation in books which shall be the property of the Corporation and shall cause to be prepared periodic statements of the financial condition of the Corporation and shall submit such statements to the Board.
- Hampshire. The Secretary of the Corporation shall be a resident of the State of New Hampshire. The Secretary shall be registered with the Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire as the registered agent. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the meetings of the shareholders and Directors showing the names of the persons present. The Secretary may give notice of all meetings of the shareholders and the Directors required by these Bylaws.
- Section 5. Compensation. The compensation of the officers of the Corporation, if any, shall be fixed in a manner approved by the Board.

ARTICLE V INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Suits, Etc. Other Than by or in the Right of the Corporation. The Corporation shall have power to indemnify any Person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal or administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation, by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

Section 2. Suits, Etc. by or in the Right of the Corporation. The Corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor

by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of the action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which the person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for expenses which the court shall deem proper.

- Section 3. Scope of Indemnification. To the extent that a Director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Section 1 or 2 above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter based on Section 1 or 2 above, he shall be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.
- Section 4. <u>Determination of Indemnification</u>. Any indemnification under Section 1 or 2 above, unless ordered by a court, shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the Director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 1 or 2 above. This determination shall be made:
- a. By the Board of Directors by a majority of vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to the action, suit or proceeding;
- b. By independent legal counsel in a written opinion if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Directors so directs; or
 - c. By the shareholders.
- Section 5. <u>Payment of Expenses</u>. Expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding <u>mayshall</u> be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit or proceeding as authorized in the manner provided in Section 4 above, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the Director, officer, employee or agent to repay the amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this section.
- Section 6. Other Rights. The indemnification provided by this section shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any Bylaw, agreement, vote of the shareholders or disinterested Directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of that person.
- Section 7. <u>Insurance</u>. The Corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee, agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against this liability under the provisions of this section.

ARTICLE VI CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

- Section 1. <u>Documents and Instruments</u>. To the extent permitted by laws of the State of New Hampshire, and except as otherwise prescribed by these Bylaws with respect to certificates for shares, the <u>Chairman of the BoardChief Executive Officer</u>, <u>President, and Vice President or the Treasurer, or any other officer of the Corporation</u> shall be authorized to execute contracts, deeds, leases and all other documents. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Board of Directors may by special vote authorize any officer, employee or agent of the Corporation to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name and on behalf of the Corporation. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.
- Section 2. <u>Loans</u>. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.
- Section 3. <u>Checks, Drafts, Etc.</u> All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by one or more officers, employees or agents of the Corporation in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 4. <u>Deposits</u>. All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in any of its duly authorized depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

ARTICLE VII CERTIFICATES FOR SHARES AND THEIR TRANSFERS; RESTRICTIONS

- Section 1. Certificates for Shares. Certificates representing shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be in such form as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Such certificates shall be signed by the echief executive echief or by any other officer of the Corporation authorized by the Board of Directors, attested by the Secretary, and sealed with the corporate seal or a facsimile thereof. The signatures of such officers upon a certificate may be facsimiles if the certificate is manually signed on behalf of a transfer agent or a registrar, other than the Corporation itself or one of its employees. Each certificate for shares of capital stock shall be consecutively numbered or otherwise identified. The name and address of the person to whom the shares are issued, with the number of shares and date of issue, shall be entered on the stock transfer books of the Corporation. All certificates surrendered to the Corporation for transfer shall be cancelled and no new certificate shall be issued until the former certificate for a like number of shares shall have been surrendered and cancelled, except that in the case of a lost or destroyed certificate, a new certificate may be issued therefor upon such terms and indemnity to the Corporation as the Board of Directors may prescribe.
- Section 2. <u>Transfer of Shares</u>. Transfer of shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be made only on its stock transfer books. Authority for such transfer shall be given only by the holder of record thereof or by his legal representative, who shall furnish proper evidence of such authority, or by his attorney thereunto authorized by power of attorney duly executed and filed with the Corporation. Such transfer shall be made only on surrender for cancellation of the certificate for such shares. The person in whose name shares of capital stock stand on the books of the Corporation shall be deemed by the Corporation to be the owner thereof for all purposes.
- Section 3. <u>Restrictions</u>. All certificates shall bear a legend giving appropriate notice of any restrictions on sale or other pertinent matters.

ARTICLE VIII PURCHASE OF SHARES; DISTRIBUTION OF CAPITAL SURPLUS

— Subject to the provisions of Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation and any other restrictions imposed by law, the Board of Directors may purchase the shares of the Corporation out of unreserved and unrestricted earned surplus and capital surplus of the Corporation available for that purpose and may distribute to its shareholders out of the capital surplus of the Corporation a portion of its assets, in each or property.

ARTICLE IX<u>VIII</u> <u>FISCAL YEAR; ANNUAL AUDIT</u>

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be the calendar year. The Corporation shall be subject to an annual audit as of the end of its fiscal year by independent public accountants appointed by and responsible to the Board of Directors. The appointment of such accountants shall be subject to annual ratification by the shareholders.

ARTICLE XIX INSPECTION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS BY SHAREHOLDERS

Any person who shall have been a holder of record of shares of stock or of voting trust certificates of the Corporation at least six months immediately preceding his demand, or shall be the holder of record of, or the holder of record of voting trust certificates for, at least five percent of all outstanding shares of the Corporation, upon advance written demand stating the purpose of the demand, at least three days in advance of the demanded examination, shall have the right to examine, in person, or by agent or attorney, during the business hours of the Corporation, for any proper purpose its relevant books and records of accounts, minutes, and record of shareholders and to make extracts from the books and records. The Corporation may charge reasonable fees for any expenses incurred in copying its books and records at the request of such shareholder.

ARTICLE XIX DIVIDENDS

Subject to the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Board of Directors may, from time to time, declare, and the Corporation may pay, dividends on its outstanding shares of capital stock.

ARTICLE XIIXI CORPORATE SEAL

The Board of Directors shall provide a Corporation seal upon which the name of the Corporation, the year of incorporation and an emblem may appear.

ARTICLE XIIIXII AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended only with the approval of the shareholder as provided in Article III, Section 9(b) of these Bylaws, at any time by a majority of the full Board of Directors subject to repeal or change only by a vote of the holders of two thirds of the shares entitled to vote at a meeting expressly called for that purpose, unless any shares of any class entitled to vote as a class are outstanding, in which event the authorization shall require the vote of the holders of two thirds of the shares of each such class and of the holders of two thirds of the shares entitled to vote.

— These Bylaws reflect amendments voted by the Board of Directors on September 28, 1984, and October 31, 1984.

MARKED TO SHOW PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (Additions in Blue; deletions in Red)

AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF PITTSFIELD AQUEDUCT COMPANY, INC. AND PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC.

ARTICLE I PRINCIPAL OFFICES

The principal office of the Corporation shall be in the State of New Hampshire.

- 1.1 <u>Business Office</u>. The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at any place either within or outside the State of New Hampshire as designated in the Corporation's most current Annual Report filed with the State of New Hampshire Secretary of State. The Corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of New Hampshire as the Board of Directors may designate or as the business of the Corporation may require from time to time. The Corporation shall maintain at its principal office a copy of certain records, as specified in Section 2.14 of these Bylaws.
- 1.2 Registered Office. The registered office of the Corporation required by the New Hampshire Business Corporation Act, RSA Chapter 293-A ("Act"), shall be located within the State of New Hampshire as designated in the Corporation's most current Annual Report filed with the State of New Hampshire Secretary of State and may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office (if located within the State of New Hampshire). The address of the registered office may be changed from time to time.

ARTICLE II SHAREHOLDERS

Section 1. Place of Meetings. All annual and special meetings of the shareholder shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation or at such place within the State of New Hampshire as the Board of Directors may designate.

Section 2. 2.1 Annual Shareholder Meetings. A meeting of the shareholder of the Corporation for the election of Directors and for the transaction of any other business of the Corporation shall be held annually in the month of May, at such time and on such date as the Board of Directors may designate. The annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held at such time within 120 days of the end of the fiscal year of the Corporation as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

If the election of Directors shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting of the shareholders, or at any subsequent continuation after adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the shareholders as soon thereafter as convenient.

Section 3. 2.2 Special Shareholder Meetings. Special meetings of the shareholders, for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by the laws of the State of New Hampshire, described in the meeting notice, may be called at any time by the Chief Executive Officer or a majority by the President or by of the Board of Directors, and shall be called upon the written request of the shareholder by the President at the request of the holders of not less than one tenth of all outstanding votes of the Corporation entitled to be cast on any issue at the meeting. Such written request shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting and shall be delivered at the principal office of the Corporation addressed to the Chief Executive Officer or the Secretary.

2.3 Place of Shareholder Meeting. The Board of Directors may designate any place within or without the State of New Hampshire as the place of meeting for any annual or special meeting of the shareholders. If no designation is made, the place of meeting shall be the principal office of the Corporation in the State of New Hampshire.

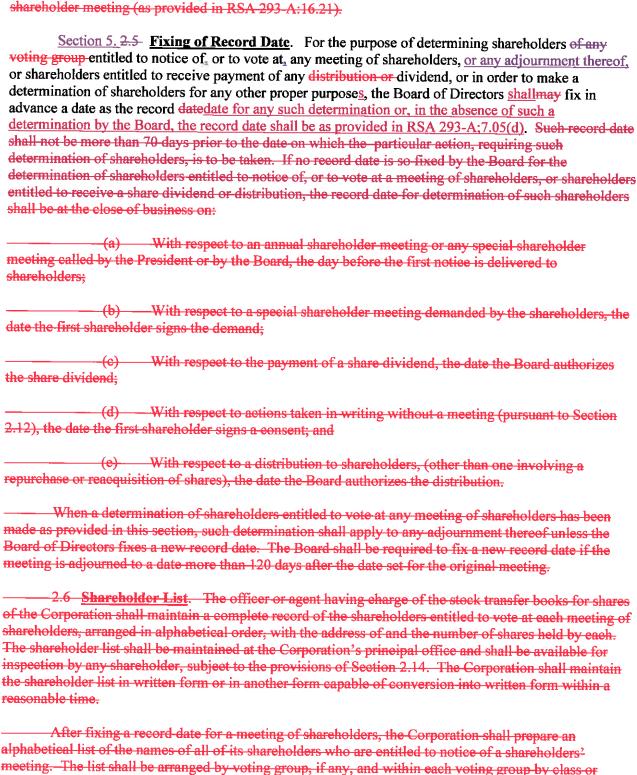
Section 4. 2.4 Notice of Shareholder Meeting; Waiver of Notice.

- (a) Required Notice. Written notice stating the place, day and hour of any annual or special the shareholder-meeting, and in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten 10 nor more than sixty 60 days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail or e-mail, by or at the direction of the Chief Executive Officer, the Secretary or the officers or persons calling the meeting. President or the Board of Directors to the ceach shareholder, of record entitled to vote at such meeting. The shareholder may waive notice of the meeting by a writing signed by the shareholder entitled to the notice, which is delivered to the Corporation (either before or after the date and time stated in the notice) for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the corporate records, and to any other shareholder entitled by the Act to receive notice of the meeting. Notice shall be deemed to be effective at the earlier of: (1) when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the shareholder at his address as it appears on the stock transfer books of the Corporation, with postage thereon prepaid; (2) on the date shown on the return receipt if sent by registered or certified mail; return receipt requested, and the receipt is signed by or on behalf of the addressee; (3) when received; or (4) five days after deposit in the United States mail, if mailed postpaid and correctly addressed to an address other than that shown in the Corporation's current record of shareholders.
- (b) Adjourned Meeting. If any shareholder meeting is adjourned to a different date, time, or place, notice need not be given of the new date, time, and place, if the new date, time, and place is announced at the meeting before adjournment. But if a new record date for the adjourned meeting is, or must be fixed, in accordance with Section 2.5, then notice must be given pursuant to the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Section 2.4 to those persons who are shareholders as of the new record date.
- (e) <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. A shareholder may waive notice of the meeting by a writing signed by the shareholder entitled to the notice, which is delivered to the Corporation (either before or after the date and time stated in the notice) for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the corporate records.

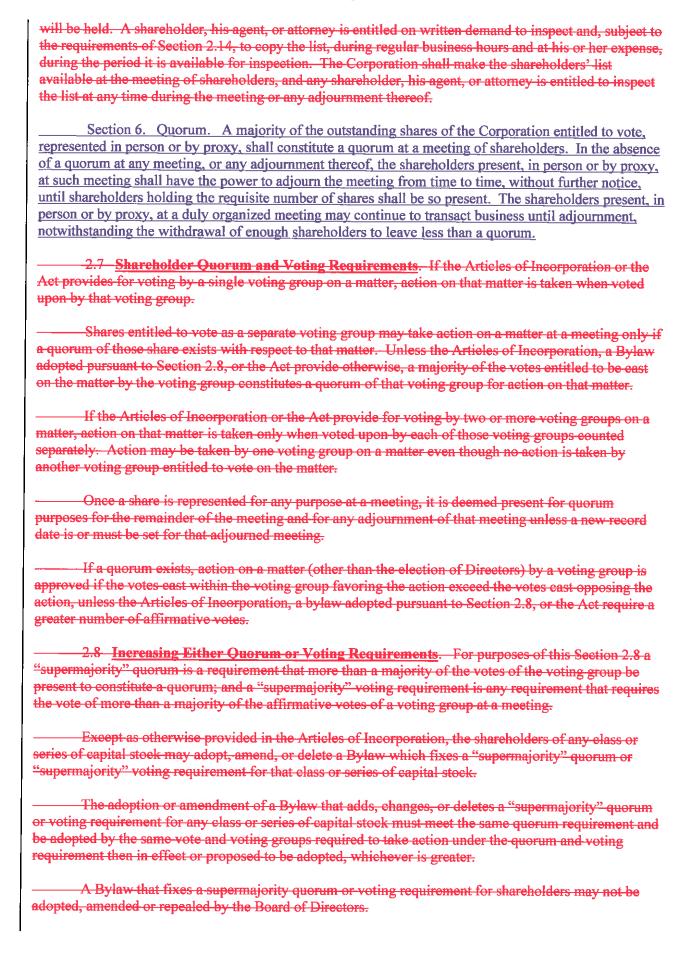
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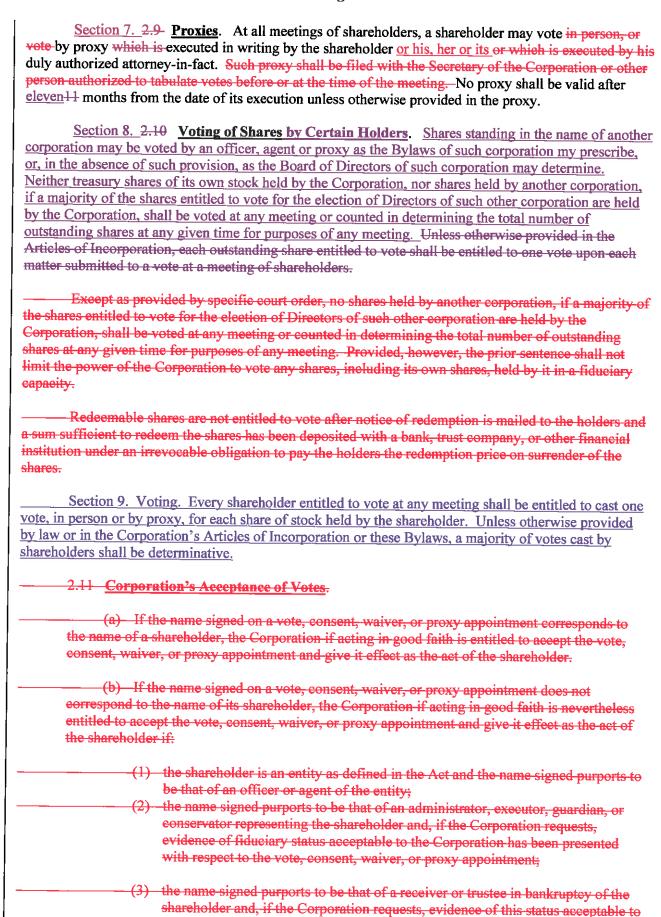
- (1) waives objection to lack of notice or defective notice of the meeting, unless the shareholder at the beginning of the meeting objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting; and
- (2) waives objection to consideration of a particular matter at the meeting that is not within the purpose or purposes described in the meeting notice, unless the shareholder objects to considering the matter when it is presented.
- If a purpose of any shareholder meeting is to consider either: (1) a proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation (including any restated Articles requiring shareholder approval), (2) a plan of merger or share exchange, (3) the sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all, or substantially all of the Corporation's property, (4) the dissolution of the Corporation, or (5) the removal of a Director, the notice must so state and be accompanied by respectively a copy or summary of: (1) the articles of amendment; (2) the plan of merger or share exchange; and (3) the transaction for disposition of all the Corporation's property. If the proposed corporate action creates dissenters' rights, the notice must state that shareholders are, or may be, entitled to assert dissenters' rights, and must be accompanied by a copy

of Section 13 of the Act. If the Corporation issues, or authorizes the issuance of shares for promissory notes or for promises to render services in the future, the Corporation shall report in writing to all of the shareholders the number of shares authorized or issued, and the consideration received, with or before the notice of the next shareholder meeting. Likewise, if the Corporation indemnifies or advances expenses to a Director, this action shall be reported to all the shareholders with or before notice of the next shareholder meeting (as provided in RSA 293-A:16.21).



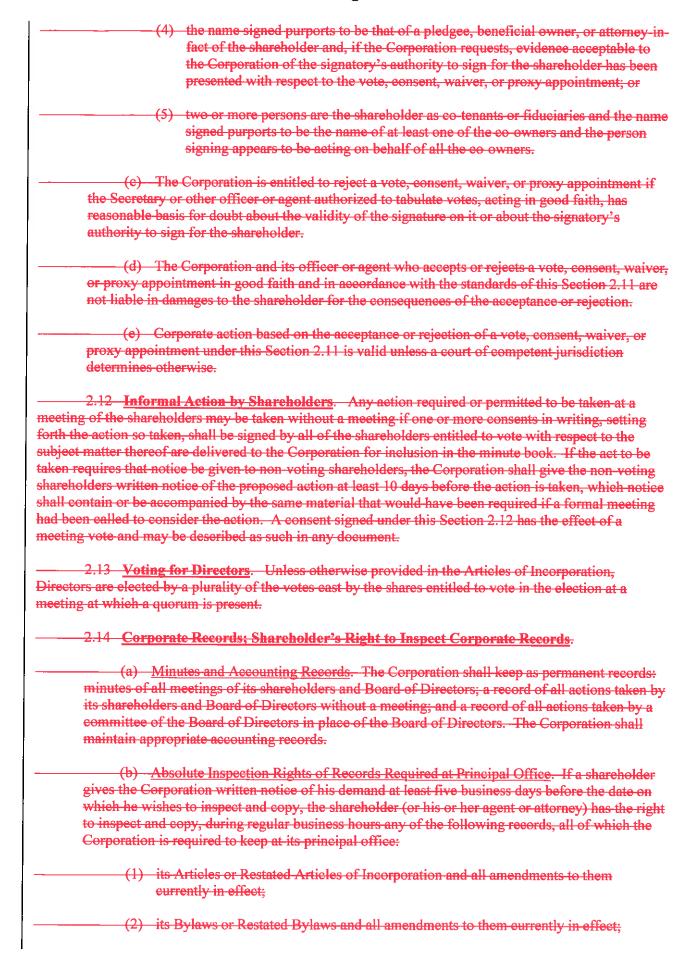
series of shares, and show the address of and the number of shares held by each shareholder. The shareholders' list must be available for inspection by any shareholder, beginning two business days after notice of the meeting is given for which the list was prepared and continuing through the meeting, at the Corporation's principal office or at a place identified in the meeting notice in the city where the meeting

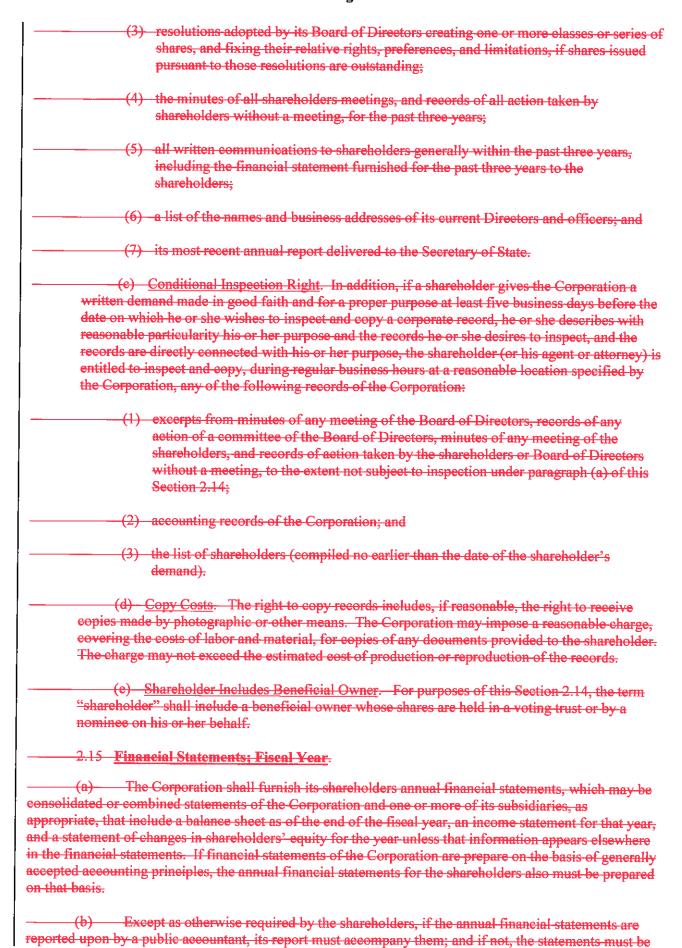


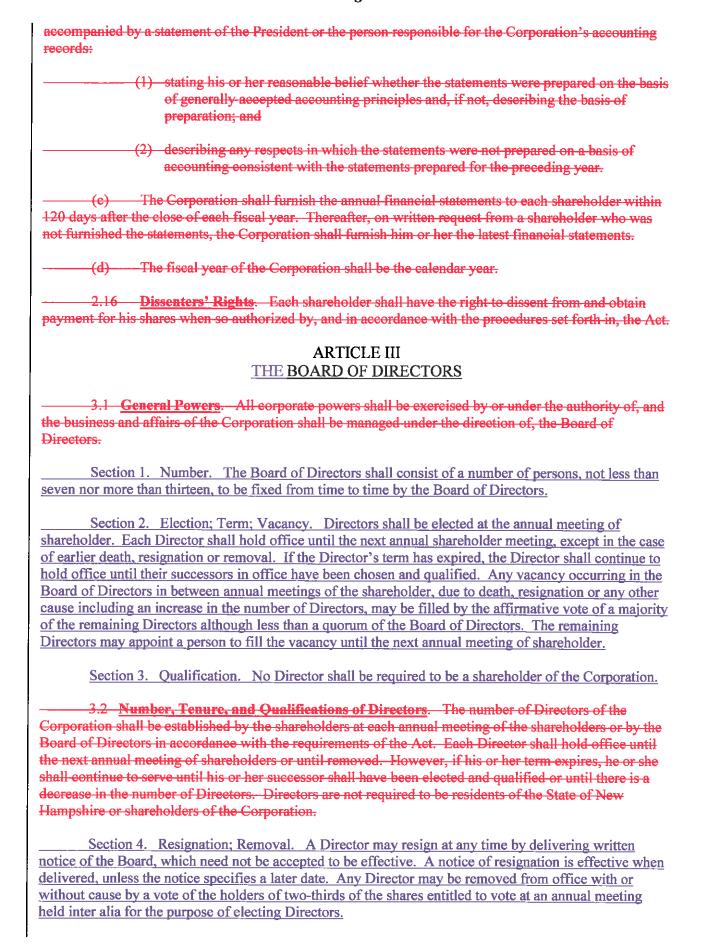


the Corporation has been presented with respect to the vote, consent, waiver, or

proxy appointment;







- Section 5. 3.3 Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings at such times as the Board may designate. The regular meeting of the Board in the month of May of each year shall be the annual meeting of the Board and shall be held immediately following the annual meeting of shareholder. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than this Bylaw immediately after, and at the same place as, the annual meeting of shareholders. The Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place for the holding of regular meetings without other notice than such resolution. All meetings shall be held at the principal place of business of the Corporation unless notice of another location is given. If so permitted by Section 3.7, any such regular meeting may be held by telephone.
- Section 6. 3.4 Special Meetings of the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Board in lieu of or in addition to the regular meetings shall be held at such times as the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer or any Directors may require. of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any one of the Directors. If permitted by Section 3.7, such meeting may be held by telephone.
- Section 7. 3.5 Notice of, and Waiver of Notice for, Special Director Meetings. Notice of regular and special meetings shall be sent by the Secretary or Chief Executive Officer by mail or e-mail, at least five days prior to the day of the meeting, or delivered in hand or by telephone at least twenty-four hours prior to the time of the meeting. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting in writing filed with the Secretary. A Director's attendance at or participation in a meeting waives any required notice to the Director of the meeting, unless the Director at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon his or her arrival) objects to holding the meeting or transacting business and thereafter does not vote for or assent to any action taken at the meeting. Notice of any special Director meeting shall be given at least two days previously thereto either orally or in writing. If mailed, notice of any Director meeting shall be deemed to be effective at the earlier of: (1) when received; (2) five days after deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the Director's business office, with postage thereon prepaid; or (3) the date shown on the return receipt if sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and the receipt is signed by or on behalf of the Director. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting, in writing, before or after the date and time of the meeting stated in the notice, such waiver to be filed with the minutes of the Board of Directors. The attendance of a Director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business and at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly on his arrival) objects to holding the meeting or transacting the business at the meeting, and does not thereafter vote for or assent to action taken at the meeting.
- Section 8. 3.6 Director Quorum; Voting. A majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at theany meetings of the Board of Directors, and the act of a majority of those present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, subject to limitation with respect to those Reserved Powers described in Section 9. unless a supermajority is required pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.8.
- Section 9. Reserved Powers. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Corporation, the following actions shall not be taken unless and until the same has been approved by the shareholder, in accordance with the requirements of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the shareholder (collectively the "Reserved Powers"):
 - (a) any action to change the name of the Corporation;
 - (b) any action to amend the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Corporation;
- (c) any action to issue or sell any debt securities or warrants or other rights to acquire any debt securities of the Corporation;

- (d) any action to authorize the Corporation to merge or consolidate with or into, or acquire all or substantially all of the assets of, any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or any other business entity or person; or
- (e) any action to sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or any substantial part of the assets (whether in a single transaction or series of transactions during any consecutive 12-month period) of the Corporation other than in the ordinary course of the business of the Corporation.

Section 10. 3.7—Presence at a Meeting Directors, Manner of Acting. The act of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present when the vote is taken shall be the act of the Board of Directors unless a supermajority is required pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.8.

Unless the Articles of Incorporation provide otherwise, any or all Directors may participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all Directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A Director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

A Director who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors when corporate action is taken is deemed to have assented to the action taken unless: (1) he or she objects at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon his or her arrival) to holding it or transacting business at the meeting; or (2) his or her dissent or abstention from the action taken is entered in the minutes of the meeting; or (3) he or she delivers written notice of his dissent or abstention to the presiding officer of the meeting before its adjournment or to the Corporation immediately after adjournment of the meeting. The right of dissent or abstention is not available to a Director who votes in favor of the action taken.

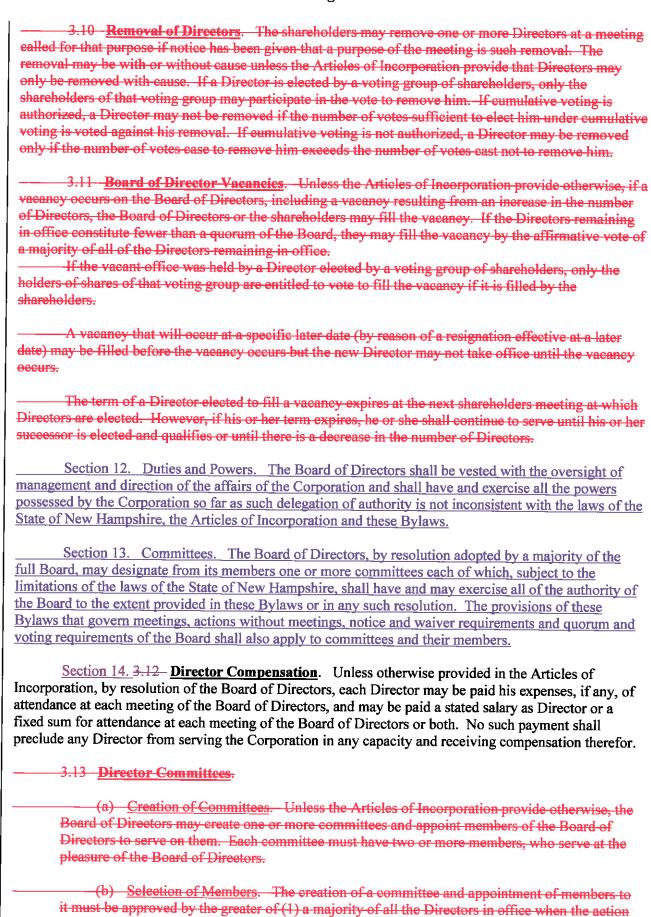
3.8 Establishing a "Supermajority" Quorum or Voting Requirement for the Board of Directors. For purposes of this Section 3.8, a "supermajority" quorum is a requirement that more than a majority of the Directors in office constitute a quorum; and a "supermajority" voting requirement is any requirement that requires the vote or more than a majority of those Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present to be the act of the Directors.

A Bylaw that fixes a supermajority quorum or supermajority voting requirement may be amended or repealed:

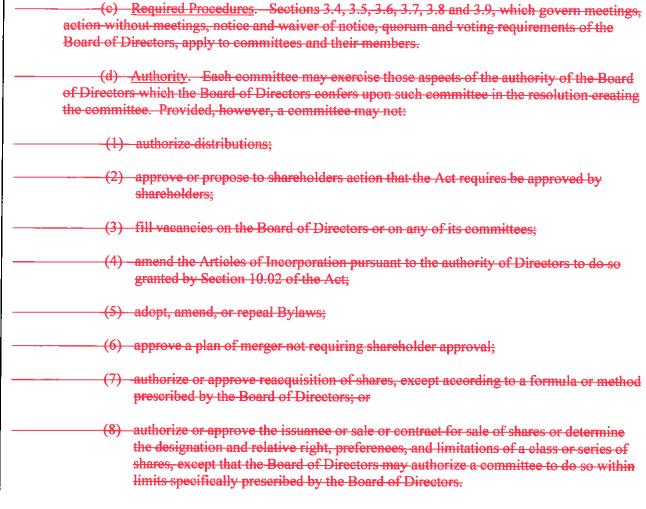
- (1) -if originally adopted by the shareholders, only by the shareholders;
- (2) if originally adopted by the Board of Directors, either by the shareholders or the Board of Directors.

The adoption or amendment of a Bylaw that adds, changes, or deletes a "supermajority" quorum or voting requirement for the Board of Directors must meet the same quorum requirement and be adopted by the same vote required to take action under the quorum and voting requirement then in effect or proposed to be adopted, whichever is greater.

Section 11. 3.9 Director Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors or by a committee at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if written consent thereto, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors or by all of the members of the committee. The consent may be contained in a single document or may be contained in more than one document so long as the documents in the aggregate contain the required signatures. all the Directors take the action, each one signs a written consent describing the action taken, and the consents are filed with the records of the Corporation. Action taken by consents is effective when the last Director signs the consent, unless the consent specifies a different effective date. A signed consent has the effect of a meeting vote and may be described as such in any document.



is taken or (2) the number of Directors required by Section 3.7 to take action.

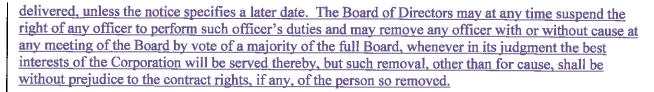


ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. 4.1 Number of Officers. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a Chief Executive Officer, a Treasurer, a Secretary and such other officers as the Directors may, from time to time, determine. Two or more offices may be held by the same person. be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and may include the office of Chairman, each of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary, including any Vice-Presidents, may be appointed by the Board of Directors. If specifically authorized by the Board of Directors, an officer may appoint one or more officers or assistant officers. The same individual may simultaneously hold more than one office in the Corporation.

Section 2. Election. Each year at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, the Directors shall determine the number of offices to be filled and shall elect officers to fill such positions for the ensuing year and until their successors are duly qualified, or until their death or until they shall resign or be removed in the manner hereinafter provided. Directors from time to time may fill any vacancy that may exist in any office and may elect such other officers as they may determine to be necessary to manage the affairs of the Corporation. Election or appointment of an officer, employee or agent, shall not of itself create contract rights. The Board of Directors may authorize the Corporation to enter into an employment contract with any officer in accordance with applicable law and regulation; but no such contract shall impair the right of the Board of Directors to remove any officer at any time in accordance with Section 3 of this Article IV.

Section 3. Resignation; Removal. An officer may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board, which need not be accepted to be effective. A notice of resignation is effective when



- 4.2 Appointment and Term of Office. The officers of the Corporation shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a term as determined by the Board of Directors. The designation of a specified term grants to the officer no contract rights, and the Board can remove the officer at any time prior to the termination of such term. If no term is specified, they shall hold office until they resign, die, or until they are removed in the manner provided in Section 4.3.
- 4.3 Removal of Officers. Any officer may be removed by the Board of Directors at any time, with or without cause. Any such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. Appointment of an officer or agent shall not of itself create contract rights.
- 4.4 Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board, if any, may be designated by the Directors as chief executive officer of the Corporation. The Chairman of the Board, if any, shall preside at all meetings of the shareholders and of the Board of Directors, and shall exercise overall supervision of the officers and affairs of the Corporation.
- Section 4. Duties and Powers. The duties of certain officers shall be as specified in this Section 4, as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, and as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer.
- (a) Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation, and shall have responsibility for the general management of the affairs of the Corporation as far as they are not specifically regulated by the shareholder or the Directors.
- (b) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall negotiate loans and receive and disburse all other funds of the Corporation, and for this purpose, shall have authority to sign checks upon any account of the Corporation in any bank or similar type of institution.
- (c) Secretary. The Secretary of the Corporation shall be a resident of the State of New Hampshire. The Secretary shall be registered with the Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire as the registered agent. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the meetings of the shareholder and Directors showing the names of the persons present. The Secretary may give notice of all meetings of the shareholder and the Directors required by these Bylaws.
- Chairman is not so designated, and shall have the general management of the affairs of the Corporation as far as they are not specifically regulated by the shareholders or the Directors, including the Chairman of the Board, if any. The President shall preside at all the meetings of the shareholders and of the Board of Directors in the absence of the Chairman or if no Chairman shall have been designated by the Directors. He or she may sign certificates for shares of the Corporation and deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Corporation, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.
- 4.6 The Vice-Presidents. If appointed, in the absence of the President or in the event of his or her death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President (or in the event there be more than one Vice-President, the Vice-Presidents in the order designated at the time of their election, or in the absence of any designation, then in the order of their appointment) shall perform the duties of the President, and when so

acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. If there is no Vice President, then the Treasurer shall perform such duties of the President. Any Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

4.7 The Secretary. The Secretary shall: (a) keep the minutes of the proceedings of the shareholders and of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records and of any seal of the Corporation and if there is a seal of the Corporation, see that it is affixed to all documents the execution of which on behalf of the Corporation under its seal is duly authorized; (d) when requested or required, authenticate any records of the Corporation; (e) keep a register of the post office address of each shareholder which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such shareholder; (f) sign certificates for shares of the Corporation; (g) have general charge of the stock transfer books of the Corporation; and (h) in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

4.8 The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall: (a) have charge and oustody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Corporation; (b) receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the Corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors; and (c) in general perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his or her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine.

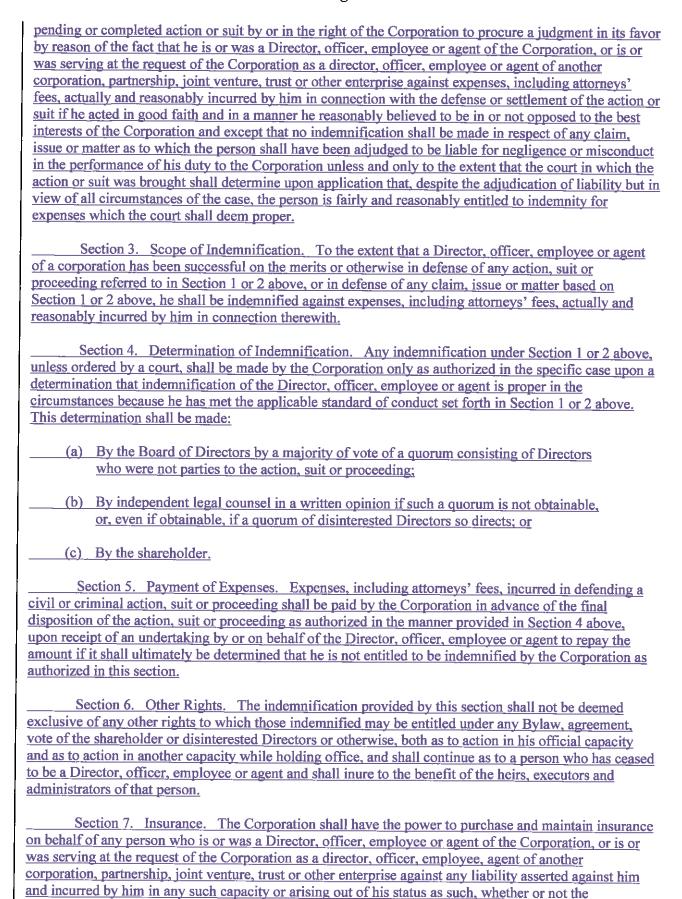
Section 5. Compensation. The compensation of the officers of the Corporation, if any, shall be fixed in a manner approved by the Board.

4.9 Salaries. The salaries of the officers shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES

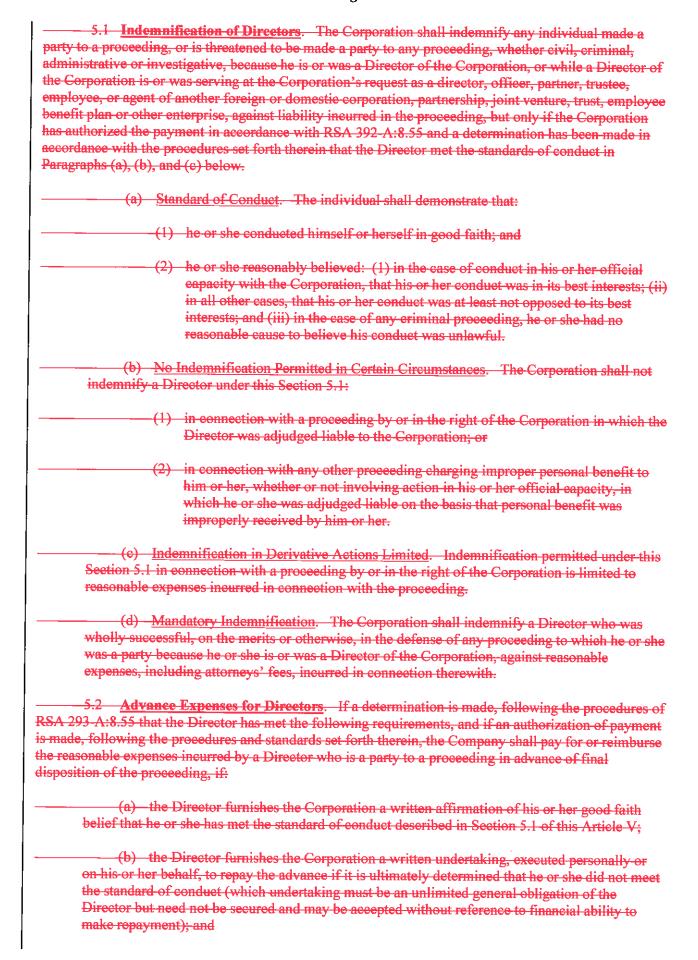
Section 1. Suits, Etc. Other Than by or in the Right of the Corporation. The Corporation shall have power to indemnify any Person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal or administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation, by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

Section 2. Suits, Etc. by or in the Right of the Corporation. The Corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened,



Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against this liability under the provisions of this

section.



- (c) a determination is made that the facts then known to those making the determination would not preclude indemnification under Section 5.1 or RSA 293-A:8.50 through 8.58.
- 5.3 Indemnification of Officers, Agents, and Employees Who Are Not Directors. The Board of Directors may indemnify and advance expenses to any officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation, who is not a Director of the Corporation, to any extent consistent with public policy, as determined by the general or specific action of the Board of Directors.
- Insurance. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation, or who, while a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation, is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise, against liability asserted against or incurred by him in that capacity or arising from his status as a director, officer, employee, or agent, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him against the same liability under RSA 293 A:8.51 or 293 A:8.52. The obligation to indemnify and reimburse set forth in this Article V, if applicable, shall be reduced by the amount of any such insurance proceeds paid to such person, or the representatives or successors of such person.
- 5.5 Effect of Bylaw Amendment. No amendment or repeal of this Article shall limit or eliminate the benefits provided to any person under this Article with respect to any act or omission that occurred prior to such amendment or repeal.

ARTICLE VI CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

Section 1. Documents and Instruments. To the extent permitted by laws of the State of New Hampshire, and except as otherwise prescribed by these Bylaws with respect to certificates for shares, the Chief Executive Officer, Treasurer, or any other officer of the Corporation shall be authorized to execute contracts, deeds, leases and all other documents. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Board of Directors may by special vote authorize any officer, employee or agent of the Corporation to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name and on behalf of the Corporation. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. Loans. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 3. Checks, Drafts, Etc. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by one or more officers, employees or agents of the Corporation in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Deposits. All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in any of its duly authorized depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

ARTICLE VII CERTIFICATES FOR SHARES AND THEIR TRANSFERS; RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Certificates for Shares. Certificates representing shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be in such form as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Such certificates shall be signed by the Chief Executive Officer or by any other officer of the Corporation authorized by the Board of Directors, attested by the Secretary, and sealed with the corporate seal or a facsimile thereof. The signatures of such officers upon a certificate may be facsimiles if the certificate is manually signed

on behalf of a transfer agent or a registrar, other than the Corporation itself or one of its employees. Each certificate for shares of capital stock shall be consecutively numbered or otherwise identified. The name and address of the person to whom the shares are issued, with the number of shares and date of issue, shall be entered on the stock transfer books of the Corporation. All certificates surrendered to the Corporation for transfer shall be cancelled and no new certificate shall be issued until the former certificate for a like number of shares shall have been surrendered and cancelled, except that in the case of a lost or destroyed certificate, a new certificate may be issued therefor upon such terms and indemnity to the Corporation as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

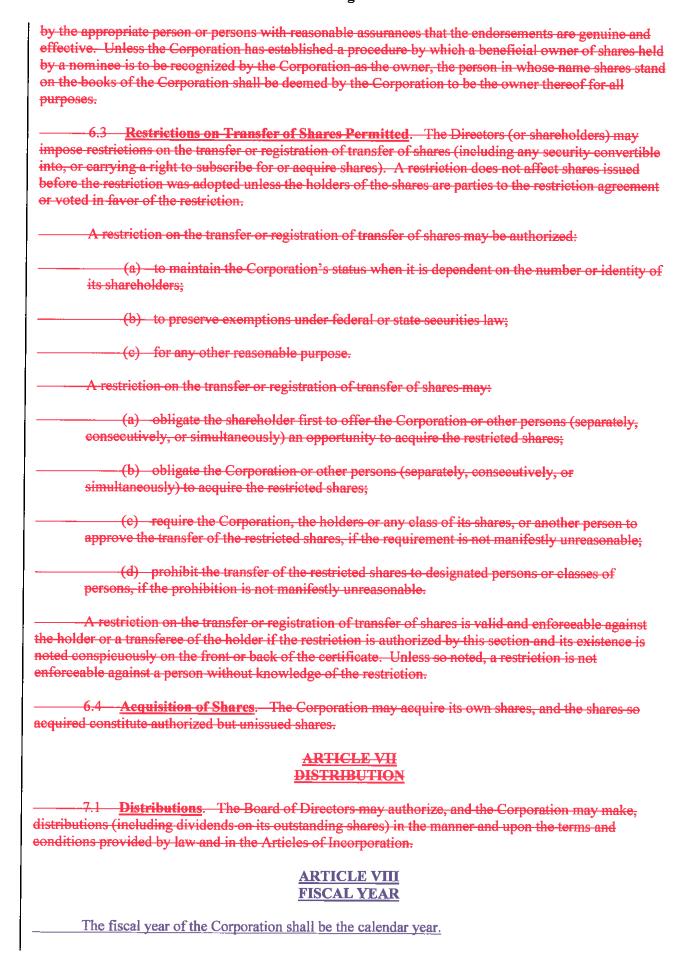
Section 2. Transfer of Shares. Transfer of shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be made only on its stock transfer books. Authority for such transfer shall be given only by the holder of record thereof or by his legal representative, who shall furnish proper evidence of such authority, or by his attorney thereunto authorized by power of attorney duly executed and filed with the Corporation. Such transfer shall be made only on surrender for cancellation of the certificate for such shares. The person in whose name shares of capital stock stand on the books of the Corporation shall be deemed by the Corporation to be the owner thereof for all purposes.

Section 3. Restrictions. All certificates shall bear a legend giving appropriate notice of any restrictions on sale or other pertinent matters.

ARTICLE VI CERTIFICATES FOR SHARES AND THEIR TRANSFER

6.1 <u>Certificates for Shares.</u>

- (a) Content. Certificates representing shares of the Corporation shall at a minimum, state on their face the name of the issuing corporation and that it is formed under the laws of the State of New Hampshire; the name of the person to whom issued; and the number and class of shares and the designation of the series, if any, the certificate represents; and be in such form as determined by the Board of Directors. Such certificates shall be signed (either manually or by facsimile) by the President and by the Secretary and may be sealed with a corporate seal or a facsimile thereof. Each certificate for shares shall be consecutively numbered or otherwise identified.
- (b) Legend as to Class or Series. If the Corporation is authorized to issue different classes of shares of different series within a class, the designations, relative rights, preferences, and limitations applicable to each class and the variations in rights, preferences, and limitations determined for each series (and the authority of the Board of Directors to determine variations for future series) must be summarized on the front or back of each certificate. Alternatively, each certificate may state conspicuously on its front or back that the Corporation will furnish the shareholder this information on request in writing and without charge.
- (c) <u>Shareholder List</u>. The name and address of the person to whom the shares represented thereby are issued, with the number of shares and date of issue, shall be entered on the stock transfer books of the Corporation.
- (d) <u>Transferring Shares</u>. All certificates surrendered to the Corporation for transfer shall be canceled and no new certificates shall be issued until the former certificate for a like number of shares shall have been surrendered and canceled, except that in case of a lost, destroyed, or mutilated certificate a new one may be issued therefor upon such terms and indemnity to the Corporation as the Board of Directors may prescribe.
- 6.2 Registration of the Transfer of Shares. Registration of the transfer of shares of the Corporation shall be made only on the stock transfer books of the Corporation. In order to register a transfer, the record owner shall surrender the shares to the Corporation for cancellation, properly endorsed



ARTICLE IX INSPECTION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS BY SHAREHOLDERS

Any person who shall have been a holder of record of shares of stock or of voting trust certificates of the Corporation at least six months immediately preceding his demand, or shall be the holder of record of, or the holder of record of voting trust certificates for, at least five percent of all outstanding shares of the Corporation, upon advance written demand stating the purpose of the demand, at least three days in advance of the demanded examination, shall have the right to examine, in person, or by agent or attorney, during the business hours of the Corporation, for any proper purpose its relevant books and records of accounts, minutes, and record of shareholders and to make extracts from the books and records. The Corporation may charge reasonable fees for any expenses incurred in copying its books and records at the request of such shareholder.

ARTICLE X DIVIDENDS

Subject to the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Board of Directors may, from time to time, declare, and the Corporation may pay, dividends on its outstanding shares of capital stock.

ARTICLE VIIXI CORPORATE SEAL

8.1 Corporate Seal. The Board of Directors shall provide a Corporation seal upon which the name of the Corporation, the year of incorporation and an emblem may appear. may provide a corporate seal which may be circular in form and have inscribed thereon any designation including the name of the Corporation, New Hampshire as the state of incorporation, and the words "Corporate Seal."

ARTICLE XIIIX AMENDMENTS

	hese Bylaws may be amended only with the approval of the shareholder as provided in Article on 9(b) of these Bylaws.
unless:	1 Amendments. The Board of Directors may amend or repeal the Corporation's Bylaws
	(a) The Articles of Incorporation or the Act reserve this power exclusively to the nareholders in whole or in part; or
	(b) The shareholders in adopting, amending, or repealing a particular Bylaw provide epressly that the Board of Directors may not amend or repeal that Bylaw; or
Ol	(c) The Bylaw either establishes, amends, or deletes, a supermajority shareholder quorum voting requirement (as defined in Section 2.8).
	ny amendment which changes the voting or quorum requirement for the Board must comply le III, Section 3.8, and for the shareholders, must comply with Article II, Section 2.8.
T	he Corporation's shareholders may amend or repeal the Bylaws, even though the Bylaws may

also be amended or repealed by its Board of Directors.

MARKED TO SHOW PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (Additions in Blue; deletions in Red)

AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF PENNICHUCK WATER SERVICE CORPORATION

ARTICLE I

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Corporation shall be <u>in the State of New Hampshire</u> at Nashua in Hillsborough County in the State of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE II SHAREHOLDERS

- Section 1. <u>Place of Meetings</u>. All annual and special meetings of <u>the</u> shareholders shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation or at such place within <u>or without</u> the State of New Hampshire as the Board of Directors may designate.
- Section 2. <u>Annual Meetings</u>. A meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation for the election of Directors and for the transaction of any other business of the Corporation shall be held annually in the month of May, at such time and on such date as the Board of Directors may designate.
- Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the shareholders for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by the laws of the State of New Hampshire, may be called at any time by the Chairman of the BoardChief Executive Officer, the President or a majority of the Board of Directors and shall be called upon the written request of the shareholder, holders of not less than one tenth of all the outstanding capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote at the meeting. Such written request shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting and shall be delivered at the principal office of the Corporation addressed to the Chairman of the BoardChief Executive Officer, the President or the Secretary not less than sixty days before the date of the meeting.
- Section 4. Notice of Meeting; Waiver of Notice. Written notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than fifty sixty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail or e-mail, by or at the direction of the Chief Executive Officer Chairman of the Board, the President, the Secretary or the officers or persons calling the meeting, to the shareholder of record entitled to vote at such meeting. The shareholder may waive notice of the meeting by a writing signed by the shareholder entitled to notice, which is delivered to the Corporation (either before or after the date and time stated in the notice) for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the corporate records. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the shareholder at his or her address as it appears on the stock transfer books or records of the Corporation as of the record date prescribed in Section 5 of this Article II, with postage thereon prepaid. If a shareholder be present at a meeting, or in writing waives notice thereof before or after the meeting, notice of such meeting to such shareholder shall be unnecessary.

A shareholder's attendance at a meeting:

(1) waives objection to lack of notice or defective notice of the meeting, unless the shareholder at the beginning of the meeting objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting; and

(2) waives objection to consideration of a particular matter at the meeting that is not within the purpose or purposes described in the meeting notice, unless the shareholder objects to considering the matter when it is presented.

Section 5. Fixing of Record Date. For the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to notice of, or to vote at, any meeting of shareholders, or any adjournment thereof, or shareholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend, or in order to make a determination of shareholders for any other proper purposes, the Board of Directors shall fix in advance a date as the record date for any such determination or, in the absence of such a determination by the Board, the record date shall be as provided in RSA 293-A:7.05(d). of shareholders. Such date in any case shall be not more than fifty days and, in case of a meeting of shareholders, not less than ten days prior to the meeting or other date on which the particular action, requiring such determination of shareholders, is to be taken. When a determination of shareholders entitled to vote at any meeting of shareholders has been made as provided in this Section, such determination shall apply to any adjournment thereof.

Section 6. Quorum. A majority of the outstanding shares of the Corporation entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of shareholders. In the absence of a quorum at any meeting, or any adjournment thereof, the shareholders present, in person or by proxy, at such meeting shall have the power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without further notice, until shareholders holding the requisite number of shares shall be so present. The shareholders present, in person or by proxy, at a duly organized meeting may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough shareholders to leave less than a quorum.

Section 7. Proxies. At all meetings of shareholders, a shareholder may vote by proxy executed in writing by the shareholder or his, her or its duly authorized attorney-in-fact. Any proxy purporting on its face to have been executed by an attorney in fact for a shareholder, unless contested prior to its being voted, shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly authorized. Proxies solicited on behalf of the management shall be voted as directed by the shareholder or, in the absence of such direction, as determined by a majority of the Board of Directors. No proxy shall be valid after eleven months from the date of its execution unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

Section 8. Voting of Shares by Certain Holders. Shares standing in the name of another corporation may be voted by any officer, agent or proxy as the Bylaws of such corporation may prescribe, or, in the absence of such provision, as the Board of Directors of such corporation may determine. A shareholder whose shares are pledged shall be entitled to vote such shares until the shares have been transferred into the name of the pledgee, and thereafter the pledgee shall be entitled to vote the shares so transferred. Neither treasury shares of its own stock held by the Corporation, nor shares held by another corporation, if a majority of the shares entitled to vote for the election of Directors of such other corporation are held by the Corporation, shall be voted at any meeting or counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares at any given time for purposes of any meeting.

Section 9. Voting of Shares in the Name of Two or More Persons. When ownership of shares of stock stands in the name of two or more persons, in the absence of written directions to the Corporation to the contrary, at any meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation any one or more of such shareholders may east, in person or by proxy, all votes to which such ownership is entitled. In the event an attempt is made to east conflicting votes, in person or by proxy, by the several persons in whose names shares of stock stand, the vote or votes to which those persons are entitled shall be east as directed by a majority of those holding such shares and present in person or by proxy at such meeting, but no votes shall be east for such shares if a majority cannot agree.

Section 109. <u>Voting</u>. Every shareholder entitled to vote at any meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote, in person or by proxy, for each share of stock held by the shareholders. Where title to a share or shares is held by two or more shareholders, such shares shall be voted at a meeting only if all such shareholders are present in person or by proxy and are in agreement as to how such shares shall be voted.

Unless otherwise provided by law or in the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, a majority of votes cast by shareholders shall be determinative. An authorization of the shareholders for the sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all of the property and assets, with or without the good will of the Corporation, not in the usual and regular course of business, shall require the affirmative vote of the holders of a two thirds majority of the shares of the Corporation entitled to vote.

Section 11. <u>Inspectors of Election</u>. In advance of any meeting of shareholders, the Board of Directors may appoint any persons other than nominees for office as inspectors of election to act at such meeting or any adjournment thereof. The number of inspectors shall be either one or three. If the Board of Directors so appoints either on or three such inspectors, that appointment shall not be altered at the meeting. If inspectors of election are not so appointed, the Chairman of the Board or the President may, and on the request of a majority of the votes represented at the meeting shall, make such appointment at the meeting. If appointed at the meeting, the majority of such votes shall determine whether one or three inspectors are to be appointed. In case any person appointed as inspector fails to appear or fails or refuses to act, the vacancy may be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors in advance of the meeting or at the meeting by the Chairman of the Board or the President.

The duties of such inspectors shall include: determining the total outstanding number of shares of stock and the voting power of each share; the shares of stock represented at the meeting; the existence of a quorum; and the authenticity, validity and effect of proxies; receiving votes, ballots or consents; hearing and determining all challenges and questions in any way arising in connection with the right to vote; counting and tabulating all votes or consents; determining the result and such acts as may be proper to conduct the election or vote with fairness to all shareholders.

ARTICLE III THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. <u>Number</u>. The Board of Directors shall consist of a number of persons, not less than three nor more than thirteen, to be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Election; Term; Vacancy. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of shareholders by a majority of those present, or represented by proxy, and voting. Each Director shall hold office until the next annual shareholder meeting, except in the case of earlier death, resignation or removal. If the Director's term has expired, the Director shall continue to hold office until their successors in office have been chosen and qualified. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors in between annual meetings of the shareholders, due to death, resignation or any other cause including an increase in the number of Directors, may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors although less than a quorum of the Board of Directors. The remaining Directors may appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting of shareholders. All Directors shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties.

- Section 3. <u>Qualification</u>. No Director shall be required to be a shareholder of the Corporation. The President shall be a member of the Board of Directors. Directors shall hold office until their successors in office have been chosen and qualified.
- Section 4. Resignation; Removal. Any Director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board, which need not be accepted to be effective. A notice of resignation is effective when delivered, unless the notice specifies a later date. Any Director may be removed from office with or without cause by a vote of the holders of two-thirds of the shares entitled to vote at an annual meeting held inter alia for the purpose of electing Directors.
- Section 5. <u>Regular Meetings</u>. The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings not less frequently than quarterly in the months of January, April, July and October on such dates and at such times as the Board may designate. The regular meeting of the Board in the month of April-May of each

year shall be the annual meeting of the Board and shall be held immediately following the annual meeting of shareholders.

Section 6. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board in lieu of or in addition to the regular meetings shall be held at such times as the Chairman of the Board, <u>President Chief Executive Officer</u> or any <u>four Directors may require</u>.

Section 7. Notice. Notice of regular and special meetings shall be sent by the Secretary or President Chief Executive Officer by mail or e-mail, at least five days prior to the day of the meeting, or delivered in hand or by telephone at least twenty-four hours prior to the time of the meeting. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting in writing filed with the Secretary. Notice of the annual meeting of the Board shall not be required. A Director's attendance at or participation in a meeting waives any required notice to the Director of the meeting, unless the Director at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon his or her arrival) objects to holding the meeting or transacting business and thereafter does not vote for or assent to any action taken at the meeting.

Section 8. Quorum; Voting. No less than Aa majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the meetings of the Board, and the act of a majority of those present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, subject to the limitation with respect to those Reserved Powers described in Section 9. concurrence of a majority of those present at any meeting shall be necessary to give validity to any vote.

Section 9. Reserved Powers. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Corporation, the following actions shall not be taken unless and until the same has been approved by the shareholder, in accordance with the requirements of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the shareholder (collectively the "Reserved Powers"):

- (a) any action to change the name of the Corporation;
 - (b) any action to amend the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Corporation;
 - (c) any action to issue or sell any debt securities or warrants or other rights to acquire any debt securities of the Corporation;
 - (d) any action to authorize the Corporation to merge or consolidate with or into, or acquire all or substantially all of the assets of, any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or any other business entity or person; or
 - (e) any action to sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or any substantial part of the assets (whether in a single transaction or series of transactions during any consecutive 12-month period) of the Corporation other than in the ordinary course of the business of the Corporation.

Section 10. Presence at a Meeting. Unless the Articles of Incorporation provide otherwise, any or all Directors may participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all Directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A Director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

A Director who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors when corporate action is taken is deemed to have assented to the action taken unless: (1) he or she objects at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon his or her arrival) to holding it or transacting business at the meeting; or (2) his or her dissent or abstention from the action taken is entered in the minutes of the meeting; or (3) he or she delivers written notice of his dissent or abstention to the

presiding officer of the meeting before its adjournment or to the Corporation immediately after adjournment of the meeting. The right of dissent or abstention is not available to a Director who votes in favor of the action taken.

Section 119. Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors or by a committee at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if written consent thereto, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors or by all of the members of the committee. The consent may be contained in a single document or may be contained in more than one document so long as the documents in the aggregate contain the required signatures.

Section 1012. <u>Duties and Powers</u>. The Board of Directors shall be vested with the <u>oversight of</u> management and direction of the affairs of the Corporation and shall have and exercise all the powers possessed by the Corporation so far as such delegation of authority is not inconsistent with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Articles of Incorporation or in any such resolution and these Bylaws.

Section 1113. Executive Committee; Other Committees. The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the full Board, may designate from its members an Executive Committee and one or more other committees each of which, subject to the limitations of the laws of the State of New Hampshire, shall have and may exercise all of the authority of the Board to the extent provided in these Bylaws or in any such resolution. The provisions of these Bylaws that govern meetings, actions without meetings, notice and waiver requirements and quorum and voting requirements of the Board shall also apply to committees and their members.

Section 14. Director Compensation. Unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, by resolution of the Board of Directors, each Director may be paid his expenses, if any, of attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors, and may be paid a stated salary as Director or a fixed sum for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors or both. No such payment shall preclude any Director from serving the Corporation in any capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. Number. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President Chief Executive Officer, a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, one or more Assistant Treasurers and/or Assistant Secretaries, and such other officers as the Directors may, from time to time, determine. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, may be held by the same person and a President or Vice President may also serve as Secretary or Treasurer. Two or more offices may be held by the same person.

Section 2. Election. Each year at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, the Directors shall determine the number of offices to be filled and shall elect officers to fill such positions for the ensuing year and until their successors are duly qualified, or until their death or until they shall resign or be removed in the manner hereinafter provided. they shall resign or be removed in the manner hereinafter provided. Directors from time to time may fill any vacancy that may exist in any office and may elect such other officers as they may determine to be necessary to manage the affairs of the Corporation. Election or appointment of an officer, employee or agent, shall not of itself create contract rights. The Board of Directors may authorize the Corporation to enter into an employment contract with any officer in accordance with applicable law and regulation; but no such contract shall impair the right of the Board of Directors to remove any officer at any time in accordance with Section 3 of this Article IV. All officers shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties. The Directors shall require fidelity bends for all officers with authority to handle funds or sign checks.

Section 3. Resignation; Removal. An officer may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board, which need not be accepted to be effective. A notice of resignation is effective when

delivered, unless the notice specifies a later date. The Board of Directors may at any time suspend the right of any officer to perform such officer's duties and may remove any officer with or without cause at any meeting of the Board by vote of a majority of the full Board, whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby, but such removal, other than for cause, shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

- Section 4. <u>Duties and Powers</u>. The duties of certain officers shall be as specified in this Section 4, as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, and as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors or the eChief eExecutive eOfficer.
- a. Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board, if any, may be designated by the Directors as chief executive officer of the Corporation. The Chairman of the Board, if any, shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and shall exercise overall supervision of the officers, and affairs of the Corporation.
- ab. President Chief Executive Officer. The President Chief Executive Officer shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation if the Chairman is not so designated, and shall have the responsibility for the general management of the affairs of the Corporation as far as they are not specifically regulated by the shareholders or the Directors, including the Chairman of the Board, if any. The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Board in the absence of the Chairman or if no Chairman shall have been designated by the Directors.
- c. Executive Vice President. A Vice President of the Corporation may be designated by the Board as Executive Vice President and in addition to the duties and powers provided in these Bylaws and otherwise delegated by the Board and the chief executive officer, the Executive Vice President shall have the powers of the President during the absence or disability of the President.
- db. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall negotiate loans and receive and disburse all other funds of the Corporation, and for this purpose, shall have authority to sign checks upon any account of the Corporation in any bank or similar type of institution. The Treasurer shall supervise the keeping of the accounts of the Corporation in books which shall be the property of the Corporation and shall cause to be prepared periodic statements of the financial condition of the Corporation and shall submit such statements to the Board.
- Hampshire. The Secretary shall be registered with the Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire as the registered agent. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the meetings of the shareholders and Directors showing the names of the persons present. The Secretary may give notice of all meetings of the shareholders and the Directors required by these Bylaws.
- Section 5. Compensation. The compensation of the officers of the Corporation, if any, shall be fixed in a manner approved by the Board.

ARTICLE V INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Suits, Etc. Other Than by or in the Right of the Corporation. The Corporation shall have power to indemnify any Person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal or administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation, by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the action, suit or proceeding if he

acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

Section 2. Suits, Etc. by or in the Right of the Corporation. The Corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of the action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which the person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for expenses which the court shall deem proper.

Section 3. Scope of Indemnification. To the extent that a Director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Section 1 or 2 above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter based on Section 1 or 2 above, he shall be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

Section 4. <u>Determination of Indemnification</u>. Any indemnification under Section 1 or 2 above, unless ordered by a court, shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the Director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 1 or 2 above. This determination shall be made:

- a. By the Board of Directors by a majority of vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to the action, suit or proceeding;
- b. By independent legal counsel in a written opinion if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Directors so directs; or
 - c. By the shareholders.

Section 5. <u>Payment of Expenses</u>. Expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding <u>mayshall</u> be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit or proceeding as authorized in the manner provided in Section 4 above, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the Director, officer, employee or agent to repay the amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this section.

Section 6. Other Rights. The indemnification provided by this section shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any Bylaw, agreement, vote of the shareholders or disinterested Directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of that person.

Section 7. <u>Insurance</u>. The Corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee, agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against this liability under the provisions of this section.

ARTICLE VI CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

- Section 1. <u>Documents and Instruments</u>. To the extent permitted by laws of the State of New Hampshire, and except as otherwise prescribed by these Bylaws with respect to certificates for shares, the <u>Chairman of the BoardChief Executive Officer</u>, <u>President, and Vice President or the Treasurer, or any other officer of the Corporation</u> shall be authorized to execute contracts, deeds, leases and all other documents. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Board of Directors may by special vote authorize any officer, employee or agent of the Corporation to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name and on behalf of the Corporation. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.
- Section 2. <u>Loans</u>. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.
- Section 3. <u>Checks, Drafts, Etc.</u> All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by one or more officers, employees or agents of the Corporation in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 4. <u>Deposits</u>. All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in any of its duly authorized depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

ARTICLE VII CERTIFICATES FOR SHARES AND THEIR TRANSFERS; RESTRICTIONS

- Section 1. Certificates for Shares. Certificates representing shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be in such form as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Such certificates shall be signed by the echief executive ecfficer or by any other officer of the Corporation authorized by the Board of Directors, attested by the Secretary, and sealed with the corporate seal or a facsimile thereof. The signatures of such officers upon a certificate may be facsimiles if the certificate is manually signed on behalf of a transfer agent or a registrar, other than the Corporation itself or one of its employees. Each certificate for shares of capital stock shall be consecutively numbered or otherwise identified. The name and address of the person to whom the shares are issued, with the number of shares and date of issue, shall be entered on the stock transfer books of the Corporation. All certificates surrendered to the Corporation for transfer shall be cancelled and no new certificate shall be issued until the former certificate for a like number of shares shall have been surrendered and cancelled, except that in the case of a lost or destroyed certificate, a new certificate may be issued therefor upon such terms and indemnity to the Corporation as the Board of Directors may prescribe.
- Section 2. <u>Transfer of Shares</u>. Transfer of shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be made only on its stock transfer books. Authority for such transfer shall be given only by the holder of record thereof or by his legal representative, who shall furnish proper evidence of such authority, or by his attorney thereunto authorized by power of attorney duly executed and filed with the Corporation. Such transfer shall be made only on surrender for cancellation of the certificate for such shares. The

person in whose name shares of capital stock stand on the books of the Corporation shall be deemed by the Corporation to be the owner thereof for all purposes.

Section 3. <u>Restrictions</u>. All certificates shall bear a legend giving appropriate notice of any restrictions on sale or other pertinent matters.

ARTICLE VIII PURCHASE OF SHARES; DISTRIBUTION OF CAPITAL SURPLUS

Subject to the provisions of Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation and any other restrictions imposed by law, the Board of Directors may purchase the shares of the Corporation out of unreserved and unrestricted earned surplus and capital surplus of the Corporation available for that purpose and may distribute to its shareholders out of the capital surplus of the Corporation a portion of its assets, in cash or property.

ARTICLE XVIII

FISCAL YEAR; ANNUAL AUDIT

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be the calendar year. The Corporation shall be subject to an annual audit as of the end of its fiscal year by independent public accountants appointed by and responsible to the Board of Directors. The appointment of such accountants shall be subject to annual ratification by the shareholders.

ARTICLE XIX INSPECTION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS BY SHAREHOLDERS

The Shareholders of the Corporation shall have such right to inspect and copy the books and records of the Corporation as is provided by the New Hampshire Business Corporation Act, N.H. RSA 293 A, or any successor thereto, exercise of which right shall be subject to compliance with all notice or other requirements set forth therein, and subject to payment of reasonable copying or other fees as may be provided therein.

Any person who shall have been a holder of record of shares of stock or of voting trust certificates of the Corporation at least six months immediately preceding his demand, or shall be the holder of record of, or the holder of record of voting trust certificates for, at least five percent of all outstanding shares of the Corporation, upon advance written demand stating the purpose of the demand, at least three days in advance of the demanded examination, shall have the right to examine, in person, or by agent or attorney, during the business hours of the Corporation, for any proper purpose its relevant books and records of accounts, minutes, and record of shareholders and to make extracts from the books and records. The Corporation may charge reasonable fees for any expenses incurred in copying its books and records at the request of such shareholder.

ARTICLE XIX DIVIDENDS

Subject to the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Board of Directors may, from time to time, declare, and the Corporation may pay, dividends on its outstanding shares of capital stock.

ARTICLE XIIXI CORPORATE SEAL

The Board of Directors shall provide a Corporation seal upon which the name of the Corporation, the year of incorporation and an emblem may appear.

ARTICLE XIIIXII AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended only with the approval of the shareholder as provided in Article III, Section 9(b) of these Bylaws. at any time by a majority of the full Board of Directors subject to repeal or change only by a vote of the holders of two thirds of the shares entitled to vote at a meeting expressly called for that purpose, unless any shares of any class entitled to vote as a class are outstanding, in which event the authorization shall require the vote of the holders of two thirds of the shares of each such class and of the total shares entitled to vote.

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AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF THE SOUTHWOOD CORPORATION

ARTICLE I PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Corporation shall be <u>in the State of New Hampshire</u> Ashua in Hillsborough County in the State of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE II SHAREHOLDERS

- Section 1. <u>Place of Meetings</u>. All annual and special meetings of <u>the</u> shareholders shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation or at such place within <u>or without</u> the State of New Hampshire as the Board of Directors may designate.
- Section 2. <u>Annual Meetings</u>. A meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation for the election of Directors and for the transaction of any other business of the Corporation shall be held annually in the month of April May, at such time and on such date as the Board of Directors may designate.
- Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the shareholders for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by the laws of the State of New Hampshire, may be called at any time by the Chairman of the BoardChief Executive Officer, the President or a majority of the Board of Directors and shall be called upon the written request of the shareholder, holders of not less than one tenth of all the outstanding capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote at the meeting. Such written request shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting and shall be delivered at the principal office of the Corporation addressed to the Chairman of the BoardChief Executive Officer, the President or the Secretary.
- Section 4. Notice of Meeting; Waiver of Notice. Written notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than fifty sixty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail or e-mail, by or at the direction of the Chief Executive Officer Chairman of the Board, the President, the Secretary or the officers or persons calling the meeting, to theeaeh shareholder of record entitled to vote at such meeting. The shareholder may waive notice of the meeting by a writing signed by the shareholder entitled to notice, which is delivered to the Corporation (either before or after the date and time stated in the notice) for inclusion in the minutes or filing with the corporate records. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the shareholder at his or her address as it appears on the stock transfer books or records of the Corporation as of the record date prescribed in Section 5 of this Article II, with postage thereon prepaid. If a shareholder be present at a meeting, or in writing waives notice thereof before or after the meeting, notice of such meeting to such shareholder shall be unnecessary.

A shareholder's attendance at a meeting:

(1) waives objection to lack of notice or defective notice of the meeting, unless the shareholder at the beginning of the meeting objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting; and

(2) waives objection to consideration of a particular matter at the meeting that is not within the purpose or purposes described in the meeting notice, unless the shareholder objects to considering the matter when it is presented.

Section 5. Fixing of Record Date. For the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to notice of, or to vote at, any meeting of shareholders, or any adjournment thereof, or shareholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend, or in order to make a determination of shareholders for any other proper purposes, the Board of Directors shall fix in advance a date as the record date for any such determination or, in the absence of such a determination by the Board, the record date shall be as provided in RSA 293-A:7.05(d). of shareholders. Such date in any case shall be not more than fifty days and, in case of a meeting of shareholders, not less than ten days prior to the meeting or other date on which the particular action, requiring such determination of shareholders, is to be taken.

Section 6. Quorum. A majority of the outstanding shares of the Corporation entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of shareholders. In the absence of a quorum at any meeting, or any adjournment thereof, the shareholders present, in person or by proxy, at such meeting shall have the power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without further notice, until shareholders holding the requisite number of shares shall be so present. The shareholders present, in person or by proxy, at a duly organized meeting may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough shareholders to leave less than a quorum.

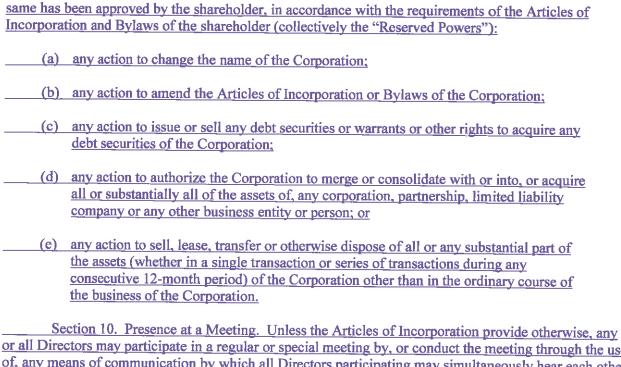
Section 7. <u>Proxies</u>. At all meetings of shareholders, a shareholder may vote by proxy executed in writing by the shareholder or his, her or its duly authorized attorney-in-factrepresentative. Where title to a share or shares is held by two or more shareholders, no proxy shall be legally effective unless such proxy is signed by all such shareholders. Proxies solicited on behalf of the management shall be voted as directed by the shareholder or, in the absence of such direction, as determined by a majority of the Board of Directors. No proxy shall be valid after eleven months from the date of its execution unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

Section 8. Voting of Shares by Certain Holders. Shares standing in the name of another corporation may be voted by any officer, agent or proxy as the Bylaws of such corporation may prescribe, or, in the absence of such provision, as the Board of Directors of such corporation may determine. A shareholder whose shares are pledged shall be entitled to vote such shares until the shares have been transferred into the name of the pledgee, and thereafter the pledgee shall be entitled to vote the shares so transferred. Neither treasury shares of its own stock held by the Corporation, nor shares held by another corporation, if a majority of the shares entitled to vote for the election of Directors of such other corporation are held by the Corporation, shall be voted at any meeting or counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares at any given time for purposes of any meeting.

Section 9. <u>Voting</u>. Every shareholder entitled to vote at any meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote, in person or by proxy, for each share of stock held by the shareholder. Where title to a share or shares is held by two or more shareholders, such shares shall be voted at a meeting only if all such shareholders are present in person or by proxy and are in agreement as to how such shares shall be voted. Unless otherwise provided by law or in the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, a majority of votes cast by shareholders shall be determinative. An authorization of the shareholders for the sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all of the property and assets, with or without the good will of the Corporation, not in the usual and regular course of business, shall require the affirmative vote of the holders of a two-thirds majority of the shares of the Corporation entitled to vote.

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- Section 3. <u>Qualification</u>. No Director shall be required to be a shareholder of the Corporation. The President shall be a member of the Board of Directors. Directors shall hold office until their successors in office have been chosen and qualified.
- Section 4. Resignation; Removal. Any Director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board, which need not be accepted to be effective. A notice of resignation is effective when delivered, unless the notice specifies a later date. Any Director may be removed from office with or without cause at any meeting of the stockholders by vote of a majority of the stockholders present, or represented by proxy, and voting. by a vote of the holders of two-thirds of the shares entitled to vote at an annual meeting held inter alia for the purpose of electing Directors.
- Section 5. <u>Regular Meetings</u>. The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings not less frequently than quarterly in the months of January, April, July and October on such dates and at such times as the Board may designate. The regular meeting of the Board in the month of <u>April-May</u> of each year shall be the annual meeting of the Board and shall be held immediately following the annual meeting of shareholders.
- Section 6. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board in lieu of or in addition to the regular meetings shall be held at such times as the <u>Chairman of the Board</u>, <u>President-Chief Executive Officer and any two other Directors</u>, or any four <u>Directors</u> without the <u>President</u>, may require.
- Section 7. Notice. Notice of regular and special meetings shall be sent by the Secretary or President Chief Executive Officer by mail or e-mail, at least five days prior to the day of the meeting, or delivered in hand or by telephone at least twenty-four hours prior to the time of the meeting. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting in writing filed with the Secretary. A Director's attendance at or participation in a meeting waives any required notice to the Director of the meeting, unless the Director at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon his or her arrival) objects to holding the meeting or transacting business and thereafter does not vote for or assent to any action taken at the meeting.
- Section 8. Quorum; Voting. No less than Aa majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the meetings of the Board, and the act of a majority of those present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, subject to the limitation with respect to those Reserved Powers described in Section 9. concurrence of a majority of those present at any meeting shall be necessary to give validity to any vote.
- Section 9. Reserved Powers. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Corporation, the following actions shall not be taken unless and until the



Section 10. Presence at a Meeting. Unless the Articles of Incorporation provide otherwise, any or all Directors may participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all Directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A Director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

A Director who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors when corporate action is taken is deemed to have assented to the action taken unless: (1) he or she objects at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon his or her arrival) to holding it or transacting business at the meeting; or (2) his or her dissent or abstention from the action taken is entered in the minutes of the meeting; or (3) he or she delivers written notice of his dissent or abstention to the presiding officer of the meeting before its adjournment or to the Corporation immediately after adjournment of the meeting. The right of dissent or abstention is not available to a Director who votes in favor of the action taken.

Section 119. Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors or by a committee at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if written consent thereto, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors or by all of the members of the committee. The consent may be contained in a single document or may be contained in more than one document so long as the documents in the aggregate contain the required signatures.

Section 1012. <u>Duties and Powers</u>. The Board of Directors shall be vested with the <u>oversight of</u> management and direction of the affairs of the Corporation and shall have and exercise all the powers possessed by the Corporation so far as such delegation of authority is not inconsistent with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws.

Section 1113. Executive Committee; Other Committees. The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the full Board, may designate from its members an Executive Committee and one or more other committees each of which, subject to the limitations of the laws of the State of New Hampshire, shall have and may exercise all of the authority of the Board to the extent provided in these Bylaws or in any such resolution. The provisions of these Bylaws that govern meetings, actions without meetings, notice and waiver requirements and quorum and voting requirements of the Board shall also apply to committees and their members.

Section 14. Director Compensation. Unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, by resolution of the Board of Directors, each Director may be paid his expenses, if any, of attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors, and may be paid a stated salary as Director or a fixed sum for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors or both. No such payment shall preclude any Director from serving the Corporation in any capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

- Section 1. Number. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President Chief Executive Officer, a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, one or more Assistant Treasurers and/or Assistant Secretaries, and such other officers as the Directors may, from time to time, determine. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, may be held by the same person and a President or Vice President may also serve as Secretary or Treasurer. Two or more offices may be held by the same person.
- Section 2. <u>Election</u>. Each year at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, the Directors shall determine the number of offices to be filled and shall elect officers to fill such positions for the ensuing year and until their successors are duly qualified, or until their death or until they shall resign or be removed in the manner hereinafter provided. Directors from time to time may fill any vacancy that may exist in any office and may elect such other officers as they may determine to be necessary to manage the affairs of the Corporation. <u>Election or appointment of any officer, employee or agent, shall not of itself create contract rights</u>. The Board of Directors may authorize the Corporation to enter into an employment contract with any officer in accordance with applicable law and regulation; but no such contract shall impair the right of the Board of Directors to remove any officer at any time in accordance with Section 3 of this Article IV. All officers shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties. The Directors shall require fidelity bonds for all officers with authority to handle funds or sign checks.
- Section 3. Resignation; Removal. An officer may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Board, which need not be accepted to be effective. A notice of resignation is effective when delivered, unless the notice specifies a later date. The Board of Directors may at any time suspend the right of any officer to perform such officer's duties and may remove any officer with or without cause at any meeting of the Board by vote of a majority of the full Board, whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby by such action. but such The removal, other than for cause, shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.
- Section 4. <u>Duties and Powers</u>. The duties of certain officers shall be as specified in this Section 4, as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, and as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors or the echief executive eofficer.
- a. Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board, if any, may be designated by the Directors as chief executive officer of the Corporation. The Chairman of the Board, if any, shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and shall exercise overall supervision of the officers, and affairs of the Corporation.
- ab. President Chief Executive Officer. The President Chief Executive Officer shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation if the Chairman is not so designated, and shall have the responsibility for the general management of the affairs of the Corporation as far as they are not specifically regulated by the shareholders or the Directors, including the Chairman of the Board, if any. The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Board in the absence of the Chairman or if no Chairman shall have been designated by the Directors.
- c. Executive Vice President. A Vice President of the Corporation may be designated by the Board as Executive Vice President and in addition to the duties and powers provided in these Bylaws and

otherwise delegated by the Board and the chief executive officer, the Executive Vice President shall have the powers of the President during the absence or disability of the President.

- db. <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer shall negotiate loans and receive and disburse all other funds of the Corporation, and for this purpose, shall have authority to sign checks upon any account of the Corporation in any bank or similar type of institution. The Treasurer shall supervise the keeping of the accounts of the Corporation in books which shall be the property of the Corporation and shall cause to be propared periodic statements of the financial condition of the Corporation and shall submit such statements to the Board.
- e. <u>Assistant Treasurers</u>. Assistant Treasurers shall assist the Treasurer in the discharge of the duties of the Treasurer's office, and in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, shall perform all the duties of said office. Assistant Treasurers shall have the authority to sign checks upon any account of the Corporation in any bank or similar type of institution and perform such other acts as they may be authorized or directed to perform by the Directors and the chief executive officer.
- Hampshire. The Secretary shall be registered with the Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire as the registered agent. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the meetings of the shareholders and Directors showing the names of the persons present. The Secretary may give notice of all meetings of the shareholders and the Directors required by these Bylaws.
- g. Assistant Secretaries. All Assistant Secretaries shall be residents of the State of New Hampshire. All Assistant Secretaries shall assist the Secretary in the discharge of the duties of the Secretary's office, and in the absence or disability of the Secretary, shall perform all duties of said office.

Section 5. Compensation. The compensation of the officers of the Corporation, if any, shall be fixed in a manner approved by the Board.

ARTICLE V INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Suits, Etc. Other Than by or in the Right of the Corporation. The Corporation shall have power to indemnify any Person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal or administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation, by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

Section 2. Suits, Etc. by or in the Right of the Corporation. The Corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses, including attorneys'

fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of the action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which the person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for expenses which the court shall deem proper.

- Section 3. Scope of Indemnification. To the extent that a Director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Section 1 or 2 above, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter based on Section 1 or 2 above, he shall be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.
- Section 4. <u>Determination of Indemnification</u>. Any indemnification under Section 1 or 2 above, unless ordered by a court, shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the Director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 1 or 2 above. This determination shall be made:
- a. By the Board of Directors by a majority of vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to the action, suit or proceeding;
- b. By independent legal counsel in a written opinion if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested Directors so directs; or
 - c. By the shareholders.
- Section 5. <u>Payment of Expenses</u>. Expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding <u>mayshall</u> be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit or proceeding as authorized in the manner provided in Section 4 above, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the Director, officer, employee or agent to repay the amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this section.
- Section 6. Other Rights. The indemnification provided by this section shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any Bylaw, agreement, vote of the shareholders or disinterested Directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of that person.
- Section 7. <u>Insurance</u>. The Corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee, agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against this liability under the provisions of this section.

ARTICLE VI CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

Section 1. <u>Documents and Instruments</u>. To the extent permitted by laws of the State of New Hampshire, and except as otherwise prescribed by these Bylaws with respect to certificates for shares, the <u>Chairman of the BoardChief Executive Officer</u>, <u>President</u>, and <u>Vice President or the Treasurer</u>, or any

other officer of the Corporation shall be authorized to execute contracts, deeds, leases and all other documents except that discharges and assignments of mortgages may be executed by any officer. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Board of Directors may by special vote authorize any officer, employee or agent of the Corporation to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name and on behalf of the Corporation. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

- Section 2. <u>Loans</u>. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.
- Section 3. <u>Checks, Drafts, Etc.</u> All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by one or more officers, employees or agents of the Corporation in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 4. <u>Deposits</u>. All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in any of its duly authorized depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

ARTICLE VII CERTIFICATES FOR SHARES AND THEIR TRANSFERS; RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Certificates for Shares. Certificates representing shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be in such form as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Such certificates shall be signed by the echief eexecutive eofficer or by any other officer of the Corporation authorized by the Board of Directors, attested by the Secretary, and sealed with the corporate seal or a facsimile thereof. The signatures of such officers upon a certificate may be facsimiles if the certificate is manually signed on behalf of a transfer agent or a registrar, other than the Corporation itself or one of its employees. Each certificate for shares of capital stock shall be consecutively numbered or otherwise identified. The name and address of the person to whom the shares are issued, with the number of shares and date of issue, shall be entered on the stock transfer books of the Corporation. All certificates surrendered to the Corporation for transfer shall be cancelled and no new certificate shall be issued until the former certificate for a like number of shares shall have been surrendered and cancelled, except that in the case of a lost or destroyed certificate, a new certificate may be issued therefor upon such terms and indemnity to the Corporation as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section 2. <u>Transfer of Shares</u>. Transfer of shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be made only on its stock transfer books. Authority for such transfer shall be given only by the holder of record thereof or by his legal representative, who shall furnish proper evidence of such authority, or by his attorney thereunto authorized by power of attorney duly executed and filed with the Corporation. Such transfer shall be made only on surrender for cancellation of the certificate for such shares. The person in whose name shares of capital stock stand on the books of the Corporation shall be deemed by the Corporation to be the owner thereof for all purposes.

Section 3. <u>Restrictions</u>. All certificates shall bear a legend giving appropriate notice of any restrictions on sale or other pertinent matters.

ARTICLE VIII PURCHASE OF SHARES; DISTRIBUTION OF CAPITAL SURPLUS

Subject to the provisions of Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation and any other restrictions imposed by law, the Board of Directors may purchase the shares of the Corporation out of unreserved and unrestricted carned surplus and capital surplus of the Corporation available for that purpose and may

distribute to its shareholders out of the capital surplus of the Corporation a portion of its assets, in eash or property.

ARTICLE IX<u>VIII</u> FISCAL YEAR; ANNUAL AUDIT

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be the calendar year. The Corporation shall be subject to an annual audit as of the end of its fiscal year by independent public accountants appointed by and responsible to the Board of Directors. The appointment of such accountants shall be subject to annual ratification by the shareholders.

ARTICLE XIX INSPECTION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS BY SHAREHOLDERS

Any person who shall have been a holder of record of shares of stock or of voting trust certificates of the Corporation at least six months immediately preceding his demand, or shall be the holder of record of, or the holder of record of voting trust certificates for, at least five percent of all outstanding shares of the Corporation, upon advance written demand stating the purpose of the demand, at least three days in advance of the demanded examination, shall have the right to examine, in person, or by agent or attorney, during the business hours of the Corporation, for any proper purpose its relevant books and records of accounts, minutes, and record of shareholders and to make extracts from the books and records. The Corporation may charge reasonable fees for any expenses incurred in copying its books and records at the request of such shareholder.

ARTICLE XIX DIVIDENDS

Subject to the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Board of Directors may, from time to time, declare, and the Corporation may pay, dividends on its outstanding shares of capital stock.

ARTICLE XHXI CORPORATE SEAL

The Board of Directors shall provide a Corporation seal upon which the name of the Corporation, the year of incorporation and an emblem may appear.

ARTICLE XIIIXII AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended only with the approval of the shareholder as provided in Article III, Section 9(b) of these Bylaws at any time by a majority of the votes cast by the shareholders of the Corporation present, or represented by proxy, and voting at any meeting.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2015

RESOLUTION:

R-15-155

PURPOSE:

Amending the by-laws of all subsidiaries of Pennichuck

Corporation

ENDORSERS:

Mayor Donnalee Lozeau

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

FISCAL NOTE:

None.

ANALYSIS

Pursuant to Article IX (2) of Pennichuck's Articles of Incorporation, this resolution requests that the city, acting in its capacity as the sole shareholder of Pennichuck Corporation, approve amended by-laws for Pennichuck's five corporate subsidiaries.

Pennichuck has provided additional information on this request, including a summary of the proposed changes, which will be provided to the Board of Aldermen by communication.

Approved as to form:

Office of Corporation Counsel

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